

## 1,200 delegates in Brussels for Soviet Jewry conference today

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BRUSSELS. — More than 1,200 delegates from 32 countries have gathered for the second World Conference on Soviet Jewry which opens here today to mobilize world opinion against victimization of Jews in the Soviet Union.

Israel's former premier, Golda Meir, and Democratic presidential candidate Frank Church, who heads a group of 10 U.S. congressmen, are among those to be the main speakers at the three-day meeting.

The U.S. delegation of 375 members is the largest Israel has sent to the conference. There are 200 delegates from France, 150 from Britain and 50 from Latin America.

The meeting has put the Kremlin on the defensive, and the Soviet Government has staged news conferences both here and in Moscow at which Russian Jews who have left Israel have complained of their treatment there. In a different view, Soviet officials in Moscow yesterday suddenly met a delegation of Jews who have been refused permission to leave and suggested that they apply.

Mrs. Meir said before flying from Lod Airport to Brussels yesterday that she hoped the conference would stir the consciences of men of goodwill everywhere to force the Soviet Union to permit free emigration.

Mr. Menahem Begin, M.K., the Likud leader, told reporters before leaving for Brussels that "Soviet treatment of dissenters in mental homes was as evil as the Nazi me-

dical experiments carried out on concentration camp victims in World War II.

The delegates to tomorrow's conference include Catholic and Protestant spokesmen, human rights leaders, writers, scientists and public officials. A total of 88 non-Jews will be attending. Among the Israelis are 30 recent immigrants from the Soviet Union, including the wives, children and mothers of Jewish activists still in the Soviet Union.

Addressing a press conference here yesterday, Dr. Alexander Vornon, the Soviet Jewish physicist and founder of the unofficial underground journal "Jews in the USSR," who is now an Israeli citizen, said anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union had increased "sharply and alarmingly" since the Yom Kippur War.

The chairman of the U.S. National Conference on Soviet Jewry, Stanley E. Lowell, told the press it was estimated that 750,000 of the three million Jews in the Soviet Union would leave if they could. He said this figure was compiled from reports brought back from Moscow by recent visitors. The issue of Jewish emigration was a crucial element in relations between the U.S. and Soviet Union, he added.

Lowell listed three major objectives for the conference: to make clear that world Jewry identifies itself with Soviet Jewry; to voice the West's support for Soviet Jews; and to demonstrate that this support is broadly based throughout the free world.

Mr. David Suskind, vice-president of the coordinating committee

of Jewish organizations in Belgium, said: "We can no longer keep silent about our anxiety and indignation over the treatment of Jews in the USSR. We cannot give up one quarter of our people in a cultural holocaust after losing six millions of them."

Greville Janner, M.P., representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews, stressed that the conference was not an anti-Soviet event or an effort to change the laws of the Soviet Union.

The Russians, he said, "are playing a game of Russian Jewry roulette — the spinning of a wheel to choose which people are allowed to leave."

The conference is sponsored by eight leading Jewish organizations around the world. The Israeli delegation includes Mr. Yosef Almog, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Abraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University and chairman of the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jews; and S. Zaiman Abramov, M.K., president of the Public Council.

Among recent Soviet immigrants to Israel who will attend are Mery Knoch, accompanied by her five-year-old son Yigal, whose husband Arye Knoch is serving a 10-year jail term for treason in Vladimir prison; and Sylvia Zaimanov, a former "prisoner of conscience" whose husband, Edward Kuznetsov, is in the notorious Potem prison camp.

Following President Ford's message of goodwill, the chairman of the Nobel peace prize committee, Aase Lionaes of Oslo, has cabled the conference organizers expressing solidarity "with your great and

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folded a press conference in Brussels yesterday before today's opening of the Conference on Soviet Jewry are, from left, Alexander Vornon, Stanley Lowell, chairman; David Blumberg, president. (AP radiophoto)

## 'Thoughts of Chairman Gaddafi'

OME. — Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, President of Libya, has issued his first chapter of his "green book" — a political treatise calling for a parliamentary system "deceitful," political parties "the modern instrument of dictatorship," and scolding his passion for green.

The 33-year-old Gaddafi terms his philosophy and a new civilization for mankind. A copy of the book was made available through Libyan officials in Europe.

The vehicle is similar to Chair-

man Mao's thoughts and quotations from his little red books, but Gaddafi takes on both the "reds" and the "blacks," the colour symbol of fascism.

"Green is the colour of sensibility," Gaddafi writes. "Even for tired eyes, doctors recommend looking at green. Green is the symbol of life and fertility and of Paradise. It's also the colour of new creation, after the passing of red, black and white contestations, the colour of spiritual contestation."

(AP)

## 'We'll never recognize Israel'

BEIRUT. — A leader of the chief Palestinian terrorist group has vowed the Palestinians will never recognize Israel, it was reported yesterday. "We may be killed,

murdered or exterminated, but we will never recognize Israel," said Salah Khalaf, code-named Abu Iyad, second to Yasser Arafat in the Fatah organization. (AP)

## Soviet spaceship returns to earth

MOSCOW. — An unmanned Soviet spaceship returned to earth from orbiting laboratory yesterday evening a three-month experiment the Soviets say could help develop resupply and rescue procedures for future cosmonauts.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the ship, Soyuz 20, undocked from the orbiting station Salyut 4 on schedule and later made a soft landing in Soviet territory. The ship was launched November 17 and docked with the station two days later. (AP)

## 2,539 tickets on Embassy cars

WASHINGTON. — Israel Embassy spokesman A. V. Pazer said, "We want to observe the rules in the country where we are guests but it simply seems to be 'mission impossible' to find parking space in the embassy area."

Virtually all the tickets were parking tickets and almost none for other traffic violations, he added. (JTA)

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## UN moves into passes tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent  
UN forces entered the central sector of the new buffer zone in Sinai yesterday as the implementation of the Israel-Egypt interim agreement continued according to schedule.

Tomorrow the UN units will move into the area of the Mifla and Gidi passes. According to the timetable, Israel is due to vacate this sector on Saturday, but because of the Sabbath, IDF troops there will probably be withdrawn on Friday.

Most of the Israeli forces troops have already taken their new positions, and only small units are maintaining the Israeli presence in the area which is to be vacated during the week.

Today the IDF is leaving a stretch of the new buffer zone in the south, east of the Gulf of Suez.

## Two die in blast

NABLUS. — Two young men from the Balata refugee camp near here were killed in an explosion at the camp yesterday before sunrise. Security forces attracted by the sound found the bodies of the two. The investigation is continuing. (Itim)

## BULLETIN:

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
ASHDOD. — The police last night were still looking for four cousins, aged seven to 12, reported missing from their homes here after leaving for school yesterday morning.

The four are Liora Schwartz, 12, Tsipora Schwartz, 7, Rivka Parhat, 12, and Ya'acov Parhat, 10.

## Egged plans to cut service, fire men

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged is shaping up for a fight on two fronts: The bus company's secretariat has decided to cut down its journeys on unprofitable routes, without first securing the approval of the Controller of Road Transport, and to dismiss the number of drivers saved several hundred — from its hired staff.

The bus firm's management is this week expected to endorse the secretariat's decision which is planned to take effect within the next fortnight. The management meeting last night was not conclusive.

It is understood that the plans provide for a termination of most lines an hour earlier than the present midnight, and for curtailing journeys to outlying places — a

saving of 15 per cent.

This action is being taken because, it is alleged, the Government has not kept its word to the bus cooperative. One Egged official said that, at the end of last month's week-long withdrawal of its service, the Transport Ministry's director-general wrote to them stating that the Government would see to it that Egged would receive day-by-day financing to enable it to operate. This was taken by them to mean governmental financing until April 1. So far they have received only a loan of IL50m. "which is not enough."

The Transport Minister spokesman told The Jerusalem Post that Egged has a state concession to carry passengers and may not reduce its service without approval of the Ministry's Road Transport Controller. By yesterday afternoon, no application for such permission had been received.

Members of the cooperative received their January salaries on Sunday, the hired hands have been promised theirs today.

There are suggestions that they will walk out if the money is not paid.

The hands' committee secretary, Meir Elbaz, said they would oppose summary dismissal. He said that when a list of men to be dismissed is handed to the committee, they would go over it together with a representative of the Histadrut and insist on implementation of the last-in-first-out rule.

He declared that Egged would be able to solve its financial problems by cutting down on member's overtime instead of dismissing employees.

## No concessions on Undof

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel will make no concessions in order to renew the mandate of UN forces on the Golan Heights, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

"Israel certainly will not initiate removal of the force, but it will not agree to making renewal dependent on Israeli concessions or international commitments to the Syrians at Israel's expense," the spokesman said.

His comments came in response to a report in "Newsweek" magazine that Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Defence Minister Shimon Peres wanted the Government to declare in advance that the UN force was no longer needed to keep the peace along the Syrian frontier. The spokesman said the report,

"as far as it relates to Foreign Minister Yigal Allon is not exact."

"The presence of the UN observer force on the Golan Heights is an inseparable part of the disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria," the spokesman said.

"No blackmail, efforts will force Israel to make any commitments in advance," he added.

The Defence Ministry's spokesman was not available for comment. The current six-month mandate for the 1,250-man force expires May 31. The force was provided for in a U.S.-negotiated interim agreement signed in May, 1974.

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## Avalanche toll 12

TARBES, France. — The death toll in weekend avalanches at French Alpine and Pyrenean ski resorts rose to 12 yesterday when rescuers discovered two more bodies buried under tons of snow near this town.

## Syria is base for Cuban expeditionary force of 7,000

NEW YORK. — Cuba has up to 7,000 troops and advisers in the Middle East, including an armoured brigade, two commando battalions and Mig pilots in Syria, "Time" magazine reports.

The magazine's latest issue says Cuba has between 3,500 and 4,000 men in Syria, more than 3,000 in South Yemen and over 2,000 in Africa — besides the 12,000 in Angola.

"By far the largest detachment is in Syria: 3,500 to 4,000 men, including an entire armoured brigade with 94 Russian T-62 tanks — two commando battalions, perhaps 30 or more Mig pilots," it says.

"One disturbing aspect of the Cuban presence is the vast amount of military hardware that the Soviets have been sending to Syria."

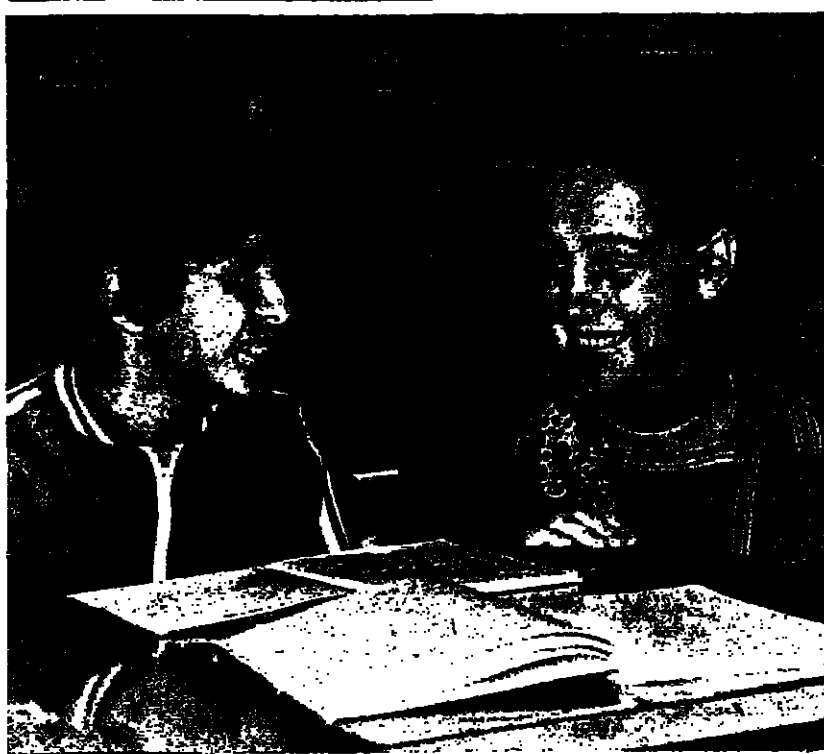
"Some intelligence experts... con-

tend Syria has become a sort of stockpile from which Soviet planes, guns or tanks can be drawn for service in trouble spots like Angola. The Cubans go along to man the equipment," it adds.

"Time" says troops provided by Havana form part of President Sekou Toure's bodyguard in Guinea. Cuban bureaucrats supervise government operations in both Equatorial Guinea and Somalia.

"In Tanzania, 500 Cubans are reportedly training guerrillas to harass the Rhodesian government. In Congo Brazzaville 150 others form an echelon for Angola."

"In Guinea Bissau, says a grateful government spokesman, they showed us how to make the terrain work for us and against the Portuguese," says "Time." (Reuter)



Danish Education Minister Ritt Bjerregaard visiting a class at the Denmark Comprehensive School in Jerusalem yesterday. Mrs. Bjerregaard yesterday also visited Yad Vashem and was the luncheon guest at the Knesset of Abraham Katz, chairman of the Knesset Education Committee. (Avi Tal — Emka)

## Pretoria 'out to avoid clash with Cubans'

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Government maintained an official silence yesterday after local press reports said it has changed tactics on Angola and wanted peace with the victorious Marxist faction there.

The reports quoted authoritative sources as saying that the danger of a major military confrontation between the South African troops in southern Angola and the Cuban-led African Popular Front army was receding.

The "Rand Daily Mail" said yesterday that a major military confrontation "no longer appears imminent."

Last week the Popular Front's foreign minister, Jose dos Santos, said his government was prepared to cooperate with South Africa in return for official recognition.

South Africa's foreign minister, Dr. Hilgard Muller, said Dos Santos's offer was "interesting" and he was studying it.

It is understood that South Africa's conditions for a total with-

drawal from Angola's southern border area are: safety guarantees for the Caluque irrigation dam and the Ruacana hydro-electric scheme; aid for the more than 10,000 Angolan refugees massed on the border with South-West Africa; and an end to guerrilla attacks across the frontier. The dam was built by the South Africans in cooperation with the former Portuguese authorities in Angola.

The Population Front forces have apparently halted their southward advance within 200 kilometres of the South African positions.

A report from Zambia says that the pro-Western National Union Movement (Unita), backed by newly-arrived arms from Zaire, has begun harassing Cuban soldiers in behind-the-lines guerrilla action in Angola. The weapons are being flown from the Zaire capital of Kinshasa to bush air strips in eastern Angola, it is stated.

Sources said Unita has eight secret bush airstrips being used by propeller aircraft. (UPI, Reuter, AP)

## Equal pay for equal work

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Civil servants will meet today in an attempt to end such situations as two scrubwomen working on the same floor and receiving different salaries.

One woman, cleaning the floors in the income tax department, receives a "specificity allowance" because other employees in that department do. The other, who cleans the Accountant-General's floor, does not.

Some 18,000 of the 120,000 state employees receive some form of the "specificity allowance." Michael Kliener, a leader of the "have-nots," told The Jerusalem Post yesterday all workers — or none — should get it. Representatives of all government ministries except Defence, Police, Agriculture and Communications

set up a committee on Sunday to fight their cause. The Foreign Ministry and some departments in the Finance Ministry will send observers. The workers in the Prime Minister's Office, the courts and the Lands Administration are also on the committee.

The committee will meet today and is expected to ask the Histadrut to back demands for "equal pay for equal work," Kliener said. A committee of economists headed by Prof. Haim Barkai has been examining who should be entitled to the specificity allowance. Its recommendations are due shortly.

This allowance was originally designed to raise the wages of employees working with poisons, waxes in insane asylums and others whose jobs have "no bearing on other places in the civil service."

## Syria, Jordan move towards federation

By ANAN SAFADI  
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Syria and Jordan are moving towards the establishment of a federation which will link the two countries in what will be officially known as the "United Arab States" (U.A.S.), according to usually well-informed West Bank Arab sources.

The two countries will have a combined central government, a unified army system and command, and the joint parliament will meet alternately in Damascus and Amman.

The federation is due to be proclaimed on the completion of discussions on the integration of the policies and economies of the two countries. The talks have been going on for the past eight months. An announcement will be made after the drafting of a joint constitution, which will seek to reconcile such issues as the different nature of the regimes — socialist Syria and monarchial Jordan — as well as the questions of the presidency of the federation and its capital. Syria and Jordan will be known as "regions" rather than states, with each maintaining its autonomous status.

West Bank informants, known for their close ties with Amman, said that King Hussein would continue to be Jordan's head of state. It is said that he has indicated he

is prepared to be second-in-command to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The informants said they expect the Syrian-Jordan federation to come into being by next June "unless unforeseen developments cause difficulties between the two countries."

Syrian Premier Mahmoud Ayyoubi arrived in Amman yesterday at the head of a government delegation for talks with Jordanian officials on "furthering integration between the two countries." Leading a group of high-ranking ministers, Ayyoubi yesterday conferred with King Hussein and later met his Jordanian counterpart, Zaid Rifai, in the presence of several ministers representing the two countries. Hussein and Assad are scheduled to meet next month before the Jordanian monarch's departure for an extensive tour of the U.S., Mexico, Japan and Australia.

Observers said yesterday that Hussein considers a cementing of ties with Syria as a guarantee of his political survival, particularly in the Arab world, where he has been criticised by supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Hussein's position is expected to be one of the main topics at next April's projected Arab summit conference — the first to be held since

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## PLA build-up in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Palestine Liberation Army presence in Lebanon has continued to grow since the military arm of the PLO intervened at the height of the civil war, and now stands at five infantry battalions plus anti-aircraft and mortar units, Israel sources said yesterday.

The sources warned that this build-up of PLA strength arouses concern for the continuation of the quiet in Lebanon, particularly in the area close to the Israel border in the south.

There were three infantry battalions of the PLA in Lebanon at the height of the fighting in January, the sources said. This had grown to four by the eve of the cease-fire, on January 22.

The five brigades there now include two battalions of the Syrian-based Kadassiya Brigade and one infantry battalion from the Hittin Brigade, also from Syria. There are also elements from the Egyptian Ain-Jaloud Brigade, and an additional anti-aircraft brigade which has been in Lebanon since before the fighting.

The majority of the PLA battalions which entered Lebanon from Syria are now deployed along the border to the north of the Beirut-Zahle line, the sources said, with one of them being in the Tripoli area. Another brigade is stationed in the Beirut area and to the south.

The sources note that further PLA brigades are being held in reserve in Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

## Two shot dead in Beirut

BEIRUT. — Turkish diplomat Oktar Serit was one of two men shot dead yesterday in a Beirut street, security sources said.

The sources said Serit, first secretary at the Turkish Embassy here, was shot in the back in the Hamra area, a shopping district which has avoided most of the violence of Lebanon's civil war.

The attacker fled, the sources added, and no further details were available.

Earlier, gunmen shot and killed a municipal worker, scattering pedestrians and shopkeepers from the streets in the area. (UPI, Reuter)

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.  
Weather synopsis: A weak trough over the eastern Mediterranean.

Yesterday's	Today's	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	62	5-11	4-12	
Golan	64	2-12	3-14	
Nahariya	61	2-17	4-18	
Safed	65	4-10	3-11	
Haifa Port	59	11-16	10-17	
Tiberias	66	6-15	5-16	
Nazareth	57	6-15	5-16	
Afula	50	4-17	3-18	
Shomron	75	7-11	6-12	
Tel Aviv	63	7-16	6-17	
B.G. Airport	63	7-18	6-19	
Jericho	55	— 21	7-22	
Gaza	70	8-18	7-19	
Beerseba	53	— 16	3-17	
Eilat	58	10-20	9-21	
Tiran Straits	38	14-22	13-23	

## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Dr. Simon Sishayi Nunnalo, Swaziland's Minister of Industry and Mining, who transmitted a message from King Sobhuza II.

The Swazi minister also met with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

Juan I. Livieres Argana, Ambassador of Paraguay (residing in Rome), yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu and Premier Yitzhak Rabin. Ambassador Livieres also called on Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev, and Mrs. Livieres was the guest of the President's wife, Nina Katzir.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday met with the British Ambassador, Thomas Anthony Elliott.

The Israel Bond University Synagogue of Los Angeles Pilgrimage lunched yesterday with Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner at the Knesset. Afterwards they met with Meir Pa'il, MK.

The 100 members of the American Jewish Committee Board of Governors holding their conference in Israel yesterday visited Acre. On Sunday they visited Ma'alot and presented the town with a cash gift, on behalf of the AJC New York chapter.

The National Religious Women's Organization in Israel and the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women of Canada yesterday dedicated a day nursery for 60 children of working mothers at Kiryat Arba-Hevron.

The Israel-France Friendship Association, Jerusalem, invites the public to a lecture by Roger Massip of the newspaper "Figaro" on "China in Front of the World Today," chaired by Walter Eytan, on Thursday, February 19, 1976, at 8.30 p.m. at the Van Leer Institute, Jabotinsky Street (Bus No. 15).

Prof. Benjamin Akzin and the producer of "Nikui Rosh," Mordechai Kirschenbaum, will debate "Television — A True or Distorting Mirror?" at the Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper, Beit Ha'am, Friday night, 8.15. Avital Mossinson will moderate.

## Dead soldiers' hands were tied

TEL AVIV. — Soldiers Menahem Charikar and Elkan Nowgorkar, whose bodies were found hanging in the shower room of the Megiddo military lockup last month, had had their hands tied, a military coroner's court here was told yesterday.

The court had just begun an inquiry undertaken at the insistence of the men's families, who were not satisfied with the army's earlier verdict of suicide.

A jailer said the hands had been tied with shoelaces, in one case behind the back. Underneath the bodies, which were hanging from a waterpipe, were a couple of overturned dustbins.

The court, which also questioned the men's cellmates about relations between the two and their jailers, will continue its inquiry today.

## Trade union meet planned for Israel

TEL AVIV. — Young trade union leaders from developing countries will hold a seminar in Israel at the beginning of 1977, Belgian labour leader Eddy Laurijssen said yesterday. Laurijssen, who is in Israel for the 13th congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), which will sponsor the seminar along with Haifa's Afro-Asian Institute.

Laurijssen stressed that, while international organizations such as the UN are losing credibility throughout the world, labour unions are gaining strength. He pointed out that the ICFTU had, like Israel, opposed the invitation to the PLO to attend meetings of the UN's International Labour Organization.

His own (opposition) Belgian Socialist Party, he added, had protested Belgium's failure to vote against the UN resolution condemning Zionism. (Itim)

## Ex-Cotton Council treasurer fined

TEL AVIV. — The former treasurer of the Cotton Council, Yosef Greenwald of Bnei Brak, was fined IL22,500 and given a suspended one-year sentence in the District Court yesterday, for a series of currency violations he committed six years ago.

Greenwald, who was treasurer from 1960 until 1971, was convicted of having obtained foreign currency from council employees who traveled abroad and selling it privately. He also arranged for exemptions from travel tax and for currency allotments for several persons not employed by the council.

The judge said he took a grave view of the violations, but did not send Greenwald to jail because of the long time which passed between the offences and the conviction.

EAST JERUSALEM headmasters and teachers visited Netanya and the surrounding area Sunday. The 24-strong group lunched at Upan Akiva, where many of them had recently completed a Hebrew course.



Some of the investors who paid for stores in the incomplete new central bus terminal in Tel Aviv, as they gathered yesterday at the construction site to protest against the long delay in completion. (SBS)

## Mapam will vote for civil marriage bill

CIVIL MARRIAGE legislation tabled by the Independent Liberal Party will get the support of Mapam, with Coalition permission. Justice Minister Haim Zadok told the Alignment executive yesterday. Labour and the National Religious Party will vote against the draft legislation.

YORAM ARIDOR, chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, yesterday urged Interior Minister Yosef Burg urging the Government not to delay any further a programme of financial reform in the municipalities centred on consolidation of their cumulative debts.

LARGE APARTMENTS with an area of 110 sq.m. and over should now be constructed freely, and the building ban imposed on them last

## Knesset Briefs

year should be rescinded, the Knesset Labour Committee recommended yesterday.

FAMILY CARS would automatically become the property of the surviving parent if the other partner died, under an amendment to the Inheritance Law at present under discussion in the Knesset Law Committee.

250 TIMNA employees, of the total 675, are either elderly or handicapped and could only find other employment with great difficulty, the staff committee of the Timna Copper mine told the Knesset Labour Committee yesterday.

## Labour group unveils alternative to withdrawal

The Labour Party's Ben-Gurion study circle yesterday unveiled a solution to the Palestinian problem based on two states within historic Palestine — Israel and Jordan-Palestine — that would be divided by the Jordan River and linked by joint economic and defence treaties.

The leaders of the group, which said it includes 500 members from all Labour Party wings, told a press conference at Jerusalem's Beit Agon that the basis of their plan was to give a sense of national identity to the Arabs who would be left within Israel's territory. This, they added, would run up to the Jordan.

The refugees living in the present administered territories would be absorbed east of the Jordan River in Jordan-Palestine, as would those Palestinian Arab refugees living abroad who so wished. The re-

maining Arabs in the territories would have the status of Israeli residents and of Jordanian citizens, and would vote in the elections of the Arab state. Israeli Arabs who so wished could also opt for Jordanian citizenship while retaining the status of Israeli residents.

Under the plan, Lebanon could also join the Israel-Jordan economic and defence union. It provides that, throughout the area of the union, all Christian settlements would have complete municipal, religious, and cultural autonomy.

The plan was presented to the press by Ben-Gurion circle members Aharon Bar-Zila, Moshe Stern, Yitzhak Avrahami, Yerah Moshinski, Dov Satat and Rami Michael. Members of the circle were among those instrumental in the establishment of the new Ma'alot Adumim settlement east of Jerusalem.

## Mayors' election bill passes first reading

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Mayoral candidates will need only a 40 per cent plurality of the total number of votes cast in their municipality to be elected on the first round of balloting, under a new draft law which the Knesset voted to committee yesterday on the first reading. The bill was sponsored by the Interior Committee.

However, if no candidate wins at least 40 per cent in the first round, a second round would be held between the two top candidates under the draft law. In this case, the successful candidate must have at least 50 per cent of the total number of votes cast.

This bill is expected to be rushed through all its phases and adopted shortly, since both the Coalition and the Opposition support all its provisions.

## Debate begins in Knesset on 'Lex Yundeff'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
The Knesset yesterday began reading an amendment to the Legal Qualification and Custodianship Law — or Lex Yundeff, as it has been dubbed. Members from several factions had tabled it as a private bill, during the recent drama over attempts to keep Dov and Menahem Yundeff from being sent to their father-in-law.

With the two boys and their mother now in Berlin, the debate took on an academic air. The private bill would specify that in all cases of custodianship of minors demanded by a parent residing abroad, the court here must rule primarily according to the welfare of the minor.

Most of the speakers in the debate, which was not finished, objected to the private bill and called it unnecessary, as well as injurious to the principle of legal reciprocity between courts of different countries.

According to comments in the parliamentary lobby, Lex Yundeff has only slim prospects of being approved on the first reading. Even if so approved, it is expected to remain in committee and never become law.

## Housewives may be insured for invalidity

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Housewives may be insured against invalidity if discussions on amendments to the National Insurance Institute's Invalidity Insurance Law can be concluded this year.

Labour Minister Moshe Baran yesterday said that the Israeli Invalidity Law was among the most advanced in the world, in that it included even housewives. He was replying to a question by Chalka Grossman in the Knesset.

Baran said that the Invalidity Law was passed in 1973 and that it provided for the gradual inclusion of certain groups not initially covered. Housewives were one of these groups. The complicated terms for their coverage were to be added later as amendments by the Knesset Labour Committee.

After extensive consultations with insurance experts here and abroad, the National Insurance Institute finally presented its draft for the amendment to the committee last year. Since that time committee has devoted many sessions discussing the amendments but has not yet reached a conclusion, Baran said.

## Ramat Gan dustmen hold one-day strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
RAMAT GAN. — Some 1,000 Ramat Gan maintenance workers held a work stoppage yesterday in defiance of a district labour court injunction. They were backing demands by 350 of them — street cleaners, janitors and gardeners — for a 10 per cent wage increase. The 350 workers claim that they are linked to Tel Aviv workers, who recently received a 10 per cent increase.

The workers are expected to return to work today.

## Allon to Costa Rica, Mexico next month

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon has accepted invitations from the Presidents of Mexico and Costa Rica to visit their countries, the Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed in Jerusalem yesterday.

The visits will take place next month.

## Beduin fight for return of 'army' land in Negev

By HAIM SHAHAM  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Six Beduin tribes in the Negev have formed a joint committee to fight for the return of land they claim was taken from them by the Military Government in the years 1950-54.

They told a subcommittee of the Knesset Economics Committee that they had been evicted from some 500,000 dunams of land they had cultivated, under the pretext that it was needed by the army for manoeuvres, and that the eviction was temporary.

But the land was never used for manoeuvres, and this excuse they said, was flimsy and insulting. The eviction was especially unjustified, they added, since the heads of these tribes were the first Beduin to declare their allegiance to the State.

Pia Albeck, director of the Civil Matters Division in the Justice Ministry, told the subcommittee that the Beduin had had no legal claim to the land under Ottoman law. Cultivation of such lands under the British Mandate, moreover, was considered a crime, she added. The land in question was never registered in the claimants' names, and the only documents they have been able to produce were records of transactions on the land among themselves.

The District Court in Beersheba, she pointed out, had already established, in one case, that the Beduin had no rights to the land.

The issue came up in the Knesset recently, in connection with a proposal to register ownership of Negev land totalling 3,500,000 dunams.

The subcommittee, headed by Eyal Livni (Likud), toured the area and is preparing recommendations — including ones suggesting compensation for the Beduin with claims while providing for building several permanent villages for them. Three such villages have been established, and four more are being planned.

Livni promised the Beduin "intensive action" on their claims. He said the problem has been festering since the State was declared, and the failure to deal with it all these years had aggravated it.

Life for Beduin who killed brother's family

HEBRON. — A Judean Desert Beduin who slaughtered his brother's wife and six children in August 1974 was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment at hard labour by the local court here.

The man — Ahmed Hussein Ali of the Tha'anra tribe near Hebron — committed the murders after finding his brother, with whom he was quarrelling, not at home. He shot his sister-in-law to death with the weapons he was carrying, and then strangled the six children.

When his brother later cornered him in the desert, he fired a few shots — which missed — and was then overpowered by police. (Itim)

## Bid to save Maritime firm in London talks

LONDON. — Talks opened here yesterday in an attempt at resolving the cash problems of the Israeli-American Maritime group shipping concern.

Leading the talks for the company, which has switched its headquarters from New York to London, is H. Struve Hensel, a New York lawyer who recently replaced the Israeli company heads, Ya'acov Meir and Meir Brenner. Hensel is faced with negotiating a deal which will enable Maritime to meet about \$24m. of bank payments on which it has defaulted and a further \$15m. which it owes to service and supply creditors.

Maritime accounts for about 35 per cent of all orders held by UK shippers — or old Thirteen tanker options placed with Swan Hunter on Tyneside have been cancelled.

The British Government is involved not only because of the employment implications of further cancellations by Maritime, but through its role as guarantor of vessels ordered by the company in Britain. It is estimated that the government's exposure through shipyard credit guarantees could amount to \$500m.

The bulk of Maritime's direct bank debt is thought to be held by European banks, including Bankers Trust International, Deutsche Schiffahrtbank, and also believed to be involved, and American banks which will be negotiating with the company include The Bank of New York, Chemical Bank, and First National of Boston. (JTA)

## Soviet Jew's family start hunger strike

TEL AVIV. — The wife and parents of aliyah activist Mikhail Mager, joined by several friends, yesterday began a hunger strike in front of the Finnish Embassy here, which represents Soviet interests in Israel.

They are protesting the USSR's refusal to permit Mager's emigration to Israel, and the harsh treatment to which he is being subjected. His wife Jeannette and his parents emigrated to Israel in 1973, after being promised Mikhail would be permitted to join them within a short time.

The 30-year-old Vinnitsa electrical engineer has been dismissed from his job, is often summoned by the secret police for interrogations, and has been threatened with violence. The strikers here timed the hunger strike to coincide with the conference on Soviet Jewry opening in Brussels today.

The wife of another Soviet Jew, imprisoned for a 10-year term in the Leningrad trials of 1971, appealed to the leader of the Communist Party in Italy yesterday to intercede on her husband's behalf when the party holds its convention in Moscow later this month. Eva, wife of Hillel Butman, sent the message before departing for Brussels to take part in the conference. (Itim)

(Other Soviet Jewry stories — pages 1 and 4.)

## Jordan-Syrian merger

(Continued from page 1)  
The October 1974 Rabat summit, which transferred "responsibility" for the West Bank from Jordan to the PLO.

Egypt, which has been at loggerheads with Syria recently, charged over the weekend that the Damascus regime was now trying to restore responsibility for the West Bank to Hussein. The Cairo press claimed that Syria was putting pressure on Jordan to declare itself the official representative of the Palestinians, presumably in advance of possible negotiations with Israel over the West Bank.

In contrast, Jordan's Minister of Information, Salah Abu Zaid, said yesterday that any future negotiations on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would have to take place with the PLO. He asserted that Jordan would not attend a convened Geneva Middle East conference. He implied that Jordan would maintain this stand until Arab leaders reversed their Rabin decision, or at least endorsed incorporation of Palestinian representatives in Jordanian negotiations.

Apart from its negotiations with Syria, Jordan is also said to be seeking to find a common political strategy with Saudi Arabia.

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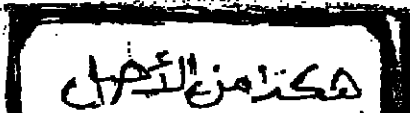
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Philipp Hoyda and family



## No drugs on premises of Rehavia high school

Only 15 regular abusers last year

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
There was no hashish-smoking on premises of Jerusalem's Rehavia high school last year, and about 95 percent of the pupils say they are not drug-taking. But 21 pupils

## Knesset c'ttee scores Yadlin for new budget allocations

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
One of the sharpest attacks by Knesset body responsible for education against the Education Minister, committee chairman Avraham Katz yesterday took Minister Avraham Yadlin to task for the way which he announced over the weekend the allocation of IL1.5 billion to the extended school day and the hot-lunch programme. Katz said, "just won't do that right after the Education Committee, together with the minister, establishes one of budget priorities, the minister goes ahead and announces another, Katz said.  
Neither the extended school day nor the hot-lunch programme deserves such an enormous outlay at time when the extension of the compulsory Education School Law is being slowed down, when parents have to pay the equivalent of two monthly salaries for high school tuition, when classrooms are crowded with 40 pupils and the school day programme has been stopped.  
The extended school day proved failure when it was introduced, Katz said. "The school population do without it."  
The State does not have to finance feeding of hundreds of thousands of children who in any case did receive a cooked lunch at home, he added.  
The committee will continue its session on Wednesday.

did take drugs, 15 of them at least once or twice a week at parties held outside the school.

These are some of the highlights of a survey of the drug problem at the school. The survey was made last year, and its results were yesterday presented to a joint meeting of the Knesset Social Services and Education Committees by school principal Shmuel Michaeli.

"Drug-taking is not the major problem of our school," he said. (He did not say what the major problem was.)  
The joint session dealt with the drug problem in high schools following a motion for the agenda by Knesset Members Hillel Seidel and Avraham Katz.

The report said that four or five pupils at Rehavia maintained steady relations with pushers and even helped them. This small group sometimes smoked hashish mixed with opium, it said.

Michaeli reassured the Knesset members that there could be no question of a drug "epidemic" and that there was no reason for alarm. "This is a vice that has spread over the last few years and which must be eradicated," he said.  
Michaeli said that 85 per cent of those who had smoked hashish were 12th graders. Their motivation had been the desire to relieve tension, curiosity, adventure or rebelliousness. The majority of the smokers came from broken homes or from families where the parents were too busy to look after their children.

The school's attitude is not to expel pupils, except in extreme cases where neither they nor their parents cooperate with the authorities.  
The principal also said that the school did not have the funds to employ psychologists to deal with problem pupils after school hours.  
Avraham Rapaport, principal of the Himmelfarb religious high school in Bayit Vegan, told the committee that there is no drug problem at his school. A survey revealed that pupils took exception to the fact that an inquiry was even found necessary.



Police, standing by in a van outside Damascus Gate yesterday, pass the time playing backgammon or napping. Police reinforcements have been on the alert in Jerusalem for the past few days as a result of pro-PLO demonstrations inspired by a court ruling that Jews may pray on the Temple Mount. There were demonstrations yesterday in several West Bank towns, and about 100 young people (about half from East Jerusalem) have been arrested recently. (Rehavam Yisraeli)

## Yadlin: Arabs don't do enough to back schools

By ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Education Minister Avraham Yadlin yesterday scored Arab municipalities and local councils in Israel for not making sufficient efforts in building their own educational and social services.

You come into an Arab village, the minister said, and you see cars in front of people's houses and TV antennas on their roofs. They get more than they give, and income tax collection among them is not what it should be; yet their municipalities do not participate in supporting education, he said.

Yadlin was addressing 14 members of the newly formed U.S. National Committee for Middle East Studies in Secondary Education, here on a week-long study tour at the invitation of the Education Minister. The tour is being organized by the Israel office of American Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

The group is headed by Dr. Seymour Lachman, professor of education at the City University of New York and a former president of the New York City Board of Education. It includes the Connecticut State Commissioner of Education; the superintendents of schools in Cleveland, Newark and Hartford; and the presidents of the Boards of Education of New York City, Los Angeles and Denver.

## Haifa official scores neglect of city Arabs

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA. Town Clerk Moshe Rofeh has charged that his city's neglect of its Arab residents has allowed their main quarter practically "to turn into a nature reserve."

Rofeh expressed this view to the Labour Party's local branch in a working paper for a forthcoming debate on the subject.

With a population of over 26,000, and another 10,000 who commute daily to the city for work, Haifa's Arabs constitute a community larger than Hadera, Safad or Tiberias. Yet, says Rofeh, they have been almost totally ignored.

Most of Haifa's Arabs live in the Wadi Nisnas quarter, where, according to Rofeh, "Nothing has been done to make it more livable. We have made no improvements, put up no additional street lights, paved no sidewalks." He added that there were only three kindergartens for Arab children and that 80 per cent of Arab grade school pupils attend parochial schools for lack of state institutions.

Rofeh noted that, during the term of the previous town council, no Arabs had been hired by City Hall, and that the number employed by the current council "can be counted on the fingers of one hand."

He also pointed out that City Hall had ceased corresponding in Arabic with the Arab residents of Haifa.

Among the Town Clerk's proposals are immediate planning of five new kindergartens and three or four grade schools, more vocational training for Arab youths, and the evacuation of the residents of the Hadera slum to better housing.

## Citrus growers rebel at fixed-price quota system

TEL AVIV. — Thousands of citrus growers are now being organized to launch a united protest against the present quota system of selling fruit to industry at fixed prices, Elisha Isakson, chairman of the citrus section of the Farmers Federation, said yesterday.

The present system, he explained, was set up years ago. All fruit is channelled through the Citrus Marketing Board, which designates a quota for each of the country's 21 canning factories. The authorities set a price for the fruit; and, since this is the same price for inefficient and efficient plants, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has to step in with subsidies to ensure the continued existence of the less-productive plants.

"The result is that the public is

being taxed to keep inefficient plants in existence," he claimed.

An attempt to break this system was made this year, when the Citrus Marketing Board allowed each citrus grower, or group of citrus growers, to sell its fruit at a competitive price. But then the board, under pressure from the canners, retracted its stand.

Isakson said that some 600,000 tons of fruit would be processed this year. This quantity of fruit in California is processed by two plants — "not by 21." If some degree of competition were to be introduced in Israel, many of these 21 plants would be forced out of business or forced to merge with stronger firms or better yet, learn to work efficiently, he added.

## HAIFA UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The following promotions and appointments have been announced at the University of Haifa:

To the rank of professor — Miriam Jardeni (general history).  
To the rank of associate professor — Lemi Yahl (Jewish history).

To the rank of senior lecturer — George Kanaz (Arabic language and literature), Pearla Neher (education).  
To the rank of lecturer — Yoram

Bar-Gal (geography), Baruch Kipnis (geography), Menahem Spiegel (economics), Andrew Wilson (sociology and anthropology), David Navon (psychology), Kenneth Regenbaum (English language and literature and drama), Shimon Ballas (Arabic language and literature), Yael Gross (general literature).

To the rank of senior teacher — Elhanan Adler (library studies).  
To the rank of teacher — Zeev Hirst — English language and literature.

## Free Centre plans bill for second TV channel

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Free Centre faction in the Likud will soon table before the Knesset a proposal to introduce a second television channel, Knesset Member Shmuel Tamir said yesterday.

Tamir told a press conference that the second channel should be commercial, in order to pay its own way. If not commercial, he said, it should be a parallel channel like the one now operating, or a combination of a public and commercial channel.

Tamir emphasized, however, that each channel should be competitive, with its own management and its own news staff.

He added that the second chan-

nel, even if it is commercial, should be governed by a public body.

According to the Likud Knesset member, there are many foreign private investors interested in such a project, which should cost no more than \$12m. to set up. He also believed that, like the company in charge of commercials on the radio, representatives of Israel's newspapers should be allowed to become partners in the project.

MK Akiva Nof, also of the Free Centre faction, said the second channel should be black and white because it would be too expensive to start changing TV sets to colour.

He said two channels would permit better-quality programmes, as well as increasing the hours for Arabic transmissions, at present only 1 1/2 hours.

## Nine-day-old 'Ha'aretz' strike really a lockout

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The nine-day-old strike at the "Ha'aretz" morning newspaper has turned into a lockout. The printers yesterday agreed to return to work unconditionally, but the management refused to resume production until its demands were met.

The workers — who walked out for one day on February 8 in protest at the dismissal of a printer with 30 years' tenure — yesterday said they agreed to return to work unconditionally. But the management rejected this offer, insisting on the dismissal of three members of the works committee as well. It also insists that the printers be docked for the period the paper was closed down. (The printers had earlier demanded pay, saying management was responsible for the paper not coming out.)

Yesterday's meeting between the printers and management, which was attended by Dov Ben-Meir, deputy secretary of the Tel Aviv Labour Council, ended in a deadlock. No date was set for another meeting.

Meanwhile, it is claimed that the "Ha'aretz" workers have persuaded printers on other newspapers to support their strike. But it was not known last night what form this support would take.

Amos Schocken, general manager

of "Ha'aretz" told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the management was prepared to submit the issue of dismissals to a parity committee. But the management is determined not to pay for the time lost due to the strike, he said.

"Ha'aretz" has never reimbursed employees for strike time, and it will not do so this time either," he stated. He added that the paper "cannot tolerate" any strike that is not sanctioned by the Histadrut.

## TODAY'S POSTBAG

11TH AND 12TH graders from the Safed Religious School — 22 of whose schoolmates were massacred at Ma'alot in May 1974 — did volunteer guard duty with their teachers Sunday night at Moshav Keren Ben-Zimra, a northern border settlement near Safed. The students plan similar service in like settlements.

THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES of Shekem on Sunday night marked the 25th anniversary of the chain of special army retail shops with a special evening at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium, attended by Defence Minister Shimon Peres. The chain now includes 36 urban shops and two factories, and employs 4,000.

MERCHANDISE worth over IL100,000 was stolen last night from the Tel Aviv offices of Parker at 140 Allenby Road. The company warns the public not to buy Parker pens offered at bargain prices.

PUPILS of the 10th and 11th grades at the Bosmat technical school in Haifa decided Sunday to "adopt" the two Druze highschools at Daliat al-Carmel and Isfiya.

THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH of the U.S. on Sunday ended a nine-day conference in Jerusalem — its first to be held in Israel — attended by 150 churchmen from the U.S. and Canada. The conference was directed by Pastor Claude Horton of Detroit.

## Bill raising travel tax to have first reading today

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
The Government yesterday tabled Services Import Tax Law, which signed to net the Treasury more revenue, earmarked for export incentives. The bulk of the tax will be from an increase of IL250 in fixed tax on foreign travel, plus per cent on the foreign currency per allowance.

The law will have its first reading today, if the House Committee agrees — as it most likely will. The road was cleared for the Government to table its bill when the Finance Committee approved the taxes yesterday morning. 11 Coalition votes against seven in opposition. One Coalition member, Yehuda Ben-Meir, who had openly opposed the taxes when the committee first met on Sunday, was not at yesterday's meeting. Ben-Meir apparently wanted his rest to remain a matter of record without him being compelled

to attend and vote the Coalition line willy-nilly. However, his NRP colleague, Avraham Melamed, dutifully toed the Coalition line at the meeting.

The committee voted down a proposal by the Likud's Eliezer Shostak to defer the entire issue for a while. It voted down a proposal by the Likud's Moshe Arens to cancel all the exemptions on travel tax. And it also voted down a proposal by the Likud's Gideon Patil whereby those who are exempt from the travel tax should have to pay the IL250 increase.

Committee members who voted for the tax increases asked Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz how it was that the Treasury was continually altering its estimates of revenue and expenditure, and changing the draft budget for 1976/77 from one month to the next. These questioners did not get an explicit reply.

## 'Latest taxes won't keep Israelis from travelling'

By GEORGE LEONOF  
Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent

Foreign airlines were generally keen of the latest increase in travel tax, though less so with regard to the premium on the travel tax. The Israel Travel Agency, however, agreed that the growing reliance on travel would result only in a small drop in the number of Israelis going abroad, but could have more serious repercussions regarding tourism to Israel.

Several heads of airlines pointed out that no official meeting had been called of the foreign airlines. TWA's Edward Frankfort emphasized that, since the matter is one of internal policy, foreign airlines were not called upon to it as a body.

Privately, however, he thought it was unfortunate that the Government did not take this opportunity to away with the travel tax together and instead impose a new premium on the travel dollar. The travel tax was not only obsolete concept but one which forced Israel to charges of direct taxation of the freedom to travel.

But imposition of a premium on travel dollar, to the extent it would roughly bring it up par with the black market rate, said would have channelled no money to the Treasury, would be unnecessary for Israelis to recourse to the black market,

and would divert those funds now handled by "black" operators to the banks.

Travel agents said that their reason for expecting only a slight drop in the number of Israelis going abroad was that the overwhelming majority of travellers are government officials, representatives of institutions, or businessmen whose travel expenses are tax deductible. Pleasure-seeking vacationers constitute no more than 20 per cent of the whole.

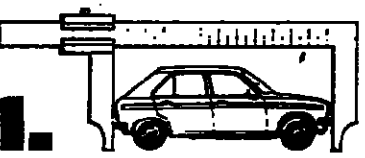
On the other hand, a significant reduction in Israeli travel could have undesirable repercussions, one agent pointed out. Airlines would invest less and less in promoting Israel, and would in consequence find it necessary to cut their own schedules on the Israel run.

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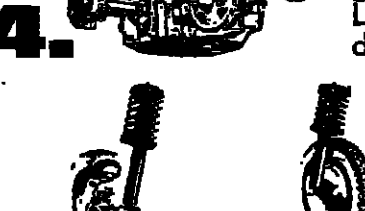
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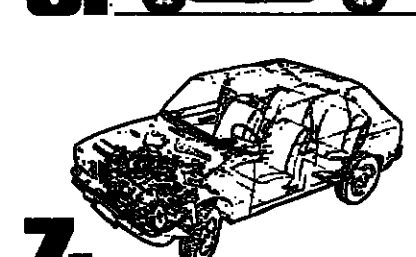
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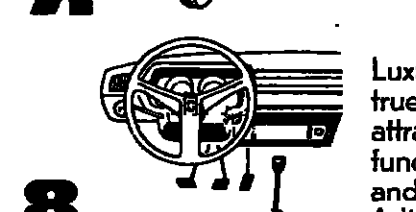
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## 3 women murdered in Ulster farmhouse

BELFAST. — The sectarian massacre of three Roman Catholic women in a farmhouse west of Belfast on Sunday night was followed yesterday by the explosion of a powerful bomb in a post office next door to the British Army headquarters here and attacks on two army outposts.

No deaths were reported in the latest incidents, which underscored the increasing anti-British tone of violence since the Irish Republican Army promised to avenge the death last week of hunger striker Frank Stagg.

The explosion in the heavily-guarded central post office set off a roaring fire in the three-storey stone building. Next door is the army headquarters for Northern Ireland. It was not damaged, but the blast put into question the security measures surrounding it. Just to get to the post office, a bomber would have to pass through three checkpoints.

About 12 men opened fire on the

army camp guarding television transmitters at Divis Mountain, and ambushed a convoy of three trucks bringing army reinforcements. No British casualties were reported before the attackers broke off after 90 minutes and withdrew. British Army spokesmen estimated two of the IRA men had been hit.

Police said four gunmen entered the Roman Catholic farmhouse and demanded money from Helen Sloc, her son, her daughter and a woman neighbour. The boy gave all they had, police said, but the men said it was not enough.

The men opened up with sub-machineguns, killing the three women and seriously wounding the boy. Two other women in the house were hospitalized in shock.

A spokesman theorized that the murders were the work of Protestant extremist gunmen intent on avenging the deaths of two Protestants in the area earlier in the weekend. (UPI)

## Guatemalan vigilantes told to stop shooting looters

GUATEMALA CITY. — The Guatemalan government yesterday appealed to armed vigilante squads to stop executing looters found sacking homes damaged in the February 4 earthquake.

According to unofficial reports, more than 200 looters have been killed by the police, vigilante squads and the army.

The vigilantes, armed with shotguns, handguns and knives, were formed to patrol the city's residential districts, especially those bordering slum areas that harbour known criminals.

The government, which also reported that the death toll from the quake has now reached 22,088, said in radio broadcasts that the looters should be turned over to the army. However, the army itself was said to be shooting some looters in its custody.

## Weather may be banned as weapon

GENEVA. — Negotiators from 30 nations meet here today for the 1976 session of the 15-year-old Geneva Disarmament Conference — hoping to achieve a treaty banning the use of weather as a weapon.

But the conference still appears deadlocked on two other major issues — underground nuclear testing, and chemical warfare. Last year the conference came up with a draft text, presented jointly by the U.S. and Russia, forbidding countries to tamper with the environment. (Reuters)

## Einstein ms — and a Hitler one — for \$6,000

MARBURG, West Germany. — A handwritten manuscript by Albert Einstein is being offered for 16,000 marks (\$6,274) by the J.A. Starcked autograph sales firm. The manuscript is a 12-page paper written in 1931 entitled "old and new field theory."

Offered at the same price is a said in radio broadcasts that the looters should be turned over to the army. However, the army itself was said to be shooting some looters in its custody.

## Call for hara-kiri in Lockheed scandal

TOKYO. — A rightwing nationalist group yesterday demanded that the key witness in the Lockheed payoff scandal in Japan, ultra-rightist Yoshio Kodama, commit ritual suicide for his "disgraceful" action in taking money from the American aircraft corporation.

Kodama had been summoned to appear before the budget committee of the Lower House of Representatives today to answer testimony given in the U.S. Senate that he had received more than \$1m. from Lockheed to promote sales of its aircraft in Japan.

Police were unable to identify the rightwing group, but Japan's Kyodo news agency said it was a known organization.

A statement by the group condemned Kodama's alleged dealings as a disgrace to the cause of the rightist movement in Japan, and

described him as a "slave" to foreign merchants.

"The scandal is bound to spread to other colleagues. We too have some material. We cannot bear to let Kodama live in disgrace as a colleague. Therefore, Kodama should commit seppuku (otherwise known as hara-kiri) ritual suicide by cutting open the stomach — to atone for his action."

The two-day hearings before the budget committee opened with tycoon Kenji Osano, one of Japan's richest businessmen, and the president and vice-president of Japan's domestic All-Nippon Airways, testifying that they were not involved in the scandal which has rocked the country's conservative establishment.

Osano said he might bring a slander suit against Lockheed's former President A.C. Kitchin, to clear his name. (Reuters)



EDUCATION — "The education of the children is one of the main aims of the MPLA and the people's government of the People's Republic of Angola," is the caption of this photograph as distributed by Bulgaria's BTA agency. It shows child pioneers in the streets of Luanda. (AP radiophoto)

## Israel and Arab states sign Littoral states agree to keep Med. clean

BARCELONA. — Twelve countries, including Israel and three Arab states, yesterday signed a treaty to fight pollution in the Mediterranean.

Yugoslavia, Syria, Libya and Tunisia did not sign the treaty, their governments wanting more time to study the text.

Countries which signed were: Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Spain and Turkey.

Dr. Mostafa Tolba, executive director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) which sponsored the two-week conference that culminated in the treaty, said:

"The treaty marks the turn-

ing-point in the fight to halt the contamination of the Mediterranean and is a milestone in international understanding."

He told the closing session that decisions reached at the conference placed heavy financial burdens on UNEP but the organization welcomed the responsibility.

The protocols draw up a "black list" of toxic substances such as crude oil, mercury, cadmium, plastics and radioactive waste whose dumping is prohibited.

There is also a "grey list" of pollutants such as lead, copper, arsenic and fluorides whose disposal will be strictly regulated.

A regional centre to fight oil pollution from spillages is to be set up in Malta. (Reuters)

## Kuwait buys 150 tanks from Britain

KUWAIT. — Kuwait has bought more than 150 Chieftain tanks from Britain, Abdel-Razzag al-Khamis, under-secretary at the Ministry of Defence, said here yesterday.

He did not specify how many tanks Kuwait had bought, or how much they cost, but said it was more than 150.

Kuwait, which has a population of about 100,000, is engaged in a large military expenditure programme, including arms purchases from the U.S., Britain, France and the Soviet Union.

In the diplomatic sphere, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will visit Kuwait soon for talks on promotion of bilateral relations between the two countries, the newspaper "Al Kabas" said yesterday.

The newspaper, citing informed sources for its report, said Gromyko's talks here would be a continuation of discussions held in Moscow last year by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber. (Reuters, UPI)

## Moroccan battalion captured in Sahara

ALGIERS. — The Polisario Front, a Saharan nationalist group, said yesterday its forces had killed or taken prisoner an entire Moroccan battalion in a clash last week inside the Western Sahara.

The report of the fighting came after Algeria had denied a report from Rabat that Algerian units had attacked Moroccan troops inside the Sahara, Morocco said the attack was made at the Angula oasis, scene of an earlier clash between Algerian and Moroccan forces.

Although the official news agency APS said Algerian troops were not involved, it indicated the attack was carried out by the Polisario Front. A Front spokesman said later its forces had put a whole Moroccan battalion out of action. But he said the fighting had actually occurred at Hausa, a village near the Moroccan border 225 kms. west of the Algerian frontier.

He said King Hassan of Morocco was attempting some kind of "mythification" by saying the battle had occurred at Angula, near the Mauritanian border.

The Front spokesman said the battle on the outskirts of Hausa began last Wednesday and ended during the weekend. He said the entire Moroccan battalion was either killed or taken prisoner, but gave no further details. (Reuters)

## Brussels parley

(Continued from page 1)

Samouil Lazarevitch Ziva, a doctor in legal science, accused the Israeli authorities of issuing immigration documents for Russian Jews who had no desire to leave the Soviet Union. He claimed that 98.4 per cent of Jews who had asked to leave the Soviet Union had been granted exit visas. Visas had been refused in the other cases only on a temporary basis because the applicants were employed in sensitive security jobs such as defence.

A Moscow report says that more than 20 Jews who have their exit visas were present at the meeting with Soviet officials yesterday. The head of the visa office, Lieut. Col. Vladimir Obidin, who later met six representatives of the group, suggested that new applications should be made for visas.

Sources said that the group mostly comprised engineers and academics, among them Vitaly Rubin, an expert on Chinese history.

In Cairo, Arab information ministers yesterday denounced the Brussels conference as "a deliberate attempt to mislead European and world public opinion." A statement issued by the ministers on the second day of their four-day meeting said the conference was an attempt to blackmail certain countries and could jeopardize Arab-Belgian relations.

## 'Write to Brezhnev' plan

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bar-Ilan University students have organized a letter-writing campaign directed to Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev protesting his government's anti-Jewish policies.

The students have obtained Brezhnev's private home address and ask that the public flood the residence with letters. "It would have an effect even if the mail never reaches Brezhnev himself. The fact that this security men will have to get rid of piles of mail will also have a valuable effect." Students Union Chairman Ilan Ben-Eliana told the press yesterday.

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## Around the world

### An Armenian party

MOSCOW. — Mrs. Hanum Shainyan's children, including her 87-year-old eldest daughter Anush, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren — more than 100 in all — gathered yesterday to celebrate the matriarch's 132nd birthday in the mountain village of Kirants in the Soviet Republic of Armenia.

Mrs. Shainyan, according to Tass, still does household chores and tends her garden. She does a lot of knitting, has a good memory and excellent eye-sight. "She can thread a needle with ease," Tass said. (UPI)

### B'Aires businessmen strike

BUENOS AIRES. — Bombs caused damage at five Fiat car agencies and two banks in the Argentine capital yesterday during a 24-hour strike by businessmen. The strike, which shut down shops, factories and restaurants, was in protest against the Government's economic and political measures. (UPI)

### Cypriot talks again today

VIENNA. — Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders are due to meet today on the future government of their island. Both sides are doubtful over the prospects of this fifth round of intercommunal talks under the guidance of UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, a Viennese.

The 500,000 Greeks and 120,000 Turks living in Cyprus have resisted in a state of tension since violent fighting in 1963. Cyprus was effectively partitioned in July, 1974, after Turkish troops joined in the fighting. (Reuters)

### Ethiopia catches subversives

ETHIOPIAN security forces killed two men, one a general, found carrying out "subversive activities," Ethiopian Radio, monitored in London, said yesterday. The radio quoted a spokesman for the provisional military government as naming the two "reactionaries" Major-General Kebede Worku and a former landlord, Dejazmach Mekonnen Wesseni. (Reuters)

### Euromart aid for Ireland, Italy

BRUSSELS. — Multi-million dollar loans to help tide Italy and Ireland through balance of payments difficulties were approved yesterday by European Community market finance ministers.

They endorsed a \$300m. loan to Ireland and cleared the way for another worth \$1,000m. to Italy. The Italian loan is to be financed mainly by oil producing countries including Saudi Arabia. (AP)

### Indian publisher sues for passport

NEW DELHI. — The Indian Government has impounded the passport of a prominent newspaper publisher critical of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's clampdown on the press.

The action was revealed yesterday when Cushman Ramesh, managing director of the "Statesman" and an active member International Press associations, filed suit in the Calcutta high court to get his passport back. He was ordered to surrender his passport a few weeks ago as part of the campaign to have him removed from the "Statesman" and to make the newspaper support government policies.

### Libya buying into London hospital

LONDON. — A London hospital is considering treating Libyan patients in its private wing in exchange for financial support from Libya in the hospital's medical school.

Guy's Hospital has set up a subcommittee of three to examine the proposal. This follows a visit to Libya by Professor Ian McCulloch, holder of the chair of surgery at Guy's. A spokesman said Sunday that Guy's had been treating Libyan patients privately for some time. (Reuters)

### Turkish MP pulls a gun

ANKARA. — A member of the Turkish parliament drew a pistol and shot fighting erupted in the chamber yesterday after opposition leader Bulent Ecevit accused the ruling coalition of falsifying official documents.

A friend grabbed the gun from pro-government member Mehmed Aksoy, and no shots were fired, witnesses said.

No serious injuries were reported in the brawl, which resulted in 30-minute suspension of the budget debate, usually a stormy affair. Witnesses said fighting broke out during an argument after Ecevit charged that a report by the state planning organization had been changed. (Reuters)

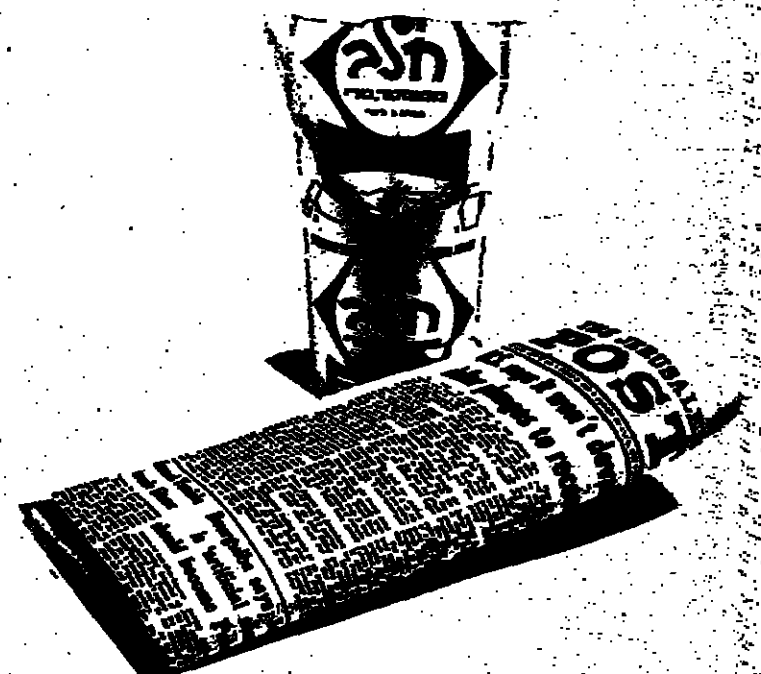
### U.S., Soviet nuclear subs collide

WASHINGTON. — A report by the Intelligence Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives says American nuclear submarines in the Soviet waters have collided with nine "hostile vessels" in the last 10 years.

Of the collisions reported without details by the committee, five were known to have involved Soviet nuclear submarines — with both sides submerged and carrying either nuclear missiles or nuclear torpedoes.

None resulted in sinking of U.S. submarines or serious injury to American crews, and the most reliable word available is that "presumably" no Russian sub was sunk. (UPI)

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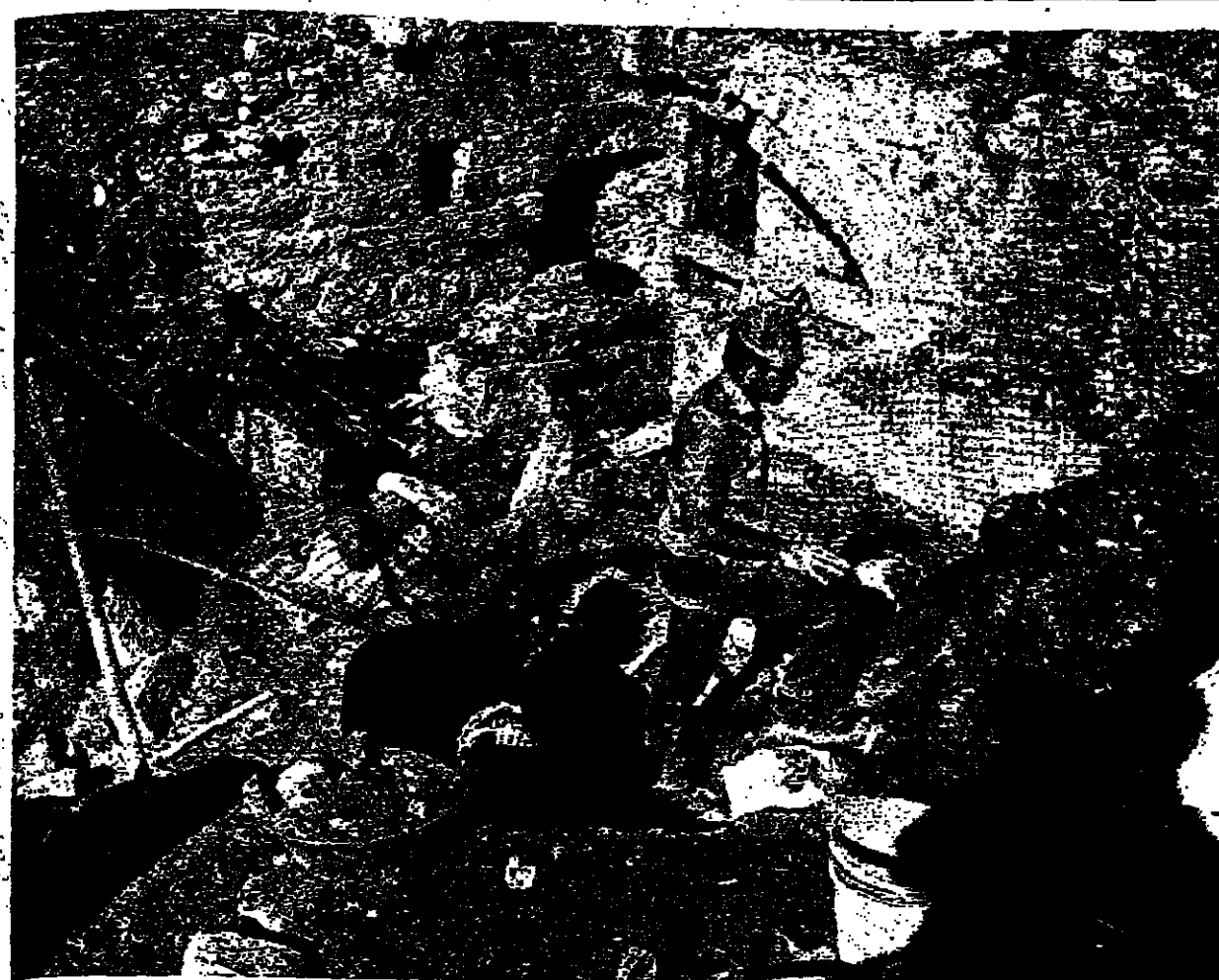
On that day, the postage rates approved in April last year by the Knesset Finance Committee will be applied:

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From last April, the Ministry of Communications has allowed a period of grace during which stocks of the old envelopes could be run down. At that time, envelope makers converted to the new standard, and a recent check showed that nonstandard envelopes have almost completely disappeared from the shops.

Those interested in the details of the new standard for envelopes should write to the Postal Services Manager, Jerusalem 91 999.





Working on the ruins of the synagogue of Avraham Avinu.

(Singer)

## Uncovering Hebron's ancient synagogue

By SUZANNE F. SINGER  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE RUINED WALLS of the 400-year-old synagogue in the ancient Jewish Quarter of Hebron are visible again for the first time since 1948. Initially working by himself, Ben Zion Taber, a Russian Jew, has since been joined by a small group of volunteers from Gush Etzion and Kiryat Arba. Together they are removing the rubble which has covered the synagogue since the quarter was destroyed by the Arabs in 1948.

Until a few months ago, when a fence was erected around part of the site, it was overgrown with weeds and sheep. A large sign put up next to the fence this past month identifies the site as that of the 16th century synagogue of Avraham Avinu.

The Jews of Hebron prayed in their synagogue until they were driven from their homes and killed during the Arab riots of 1929. A few Jews returned to Hebron after this massacre but a reputation of killing in 1936 completely dispersed the ancient Jewish community save for one man. This man, a cheesemaker, continued to

live in Hebron, spending Shabbat in Jerusalem, until convinced in 1947 that it was unsafe to persist in his solitary life.

The War of Independence followed shortly thereafter and with it the destruction of the empty homes and synagogue of the Jews of Hebron. Since that time nothing has been reconstructed and no new buildings have been built. Only rubble and parts of stone houses remain. Today, Arabs live in the ruined rooms and cellars of the Jewish houses with marks of messianic still on their doors.

THE SYNAGOGUE of Avraham Avinu was visited in 1939 by Yaakov Pinkerfeld, who described it in his book, "The Synagogues of Israel" (in Hebrew). His plan of the 11x7 metre building is being used as a guideline for the fragments of walls emerging from the rubble.

Last week the area of the bima and

parts of the north wall which held the Tora scrolls began to appear. The men interrupted rock hauling to try to read the many names and dates pencilled in Hebrew on blue plaster walls. It was clear from the dates that the graffiti had been left by people visiting the abandoned synagogue in the years between 1929 and its destruction in 1948.

Ben Zion Taber immigrated to Israel from Russia about four years ago. He is a physicist living at Kiryat Arba and working now as a guard at the historic sites in Hebron. He tried to explain why he had started this rescue dig as he lifted baskets of dirt onto the bank.

"Jewish massacres and the communities that once were should not be forgotten, neither in Russia nor in Hebron. By removing refuse accumulated for 28 years we are uncovering both a 400-year-old synagogue and the memories of Jewish settlements in Hebron extending back with few gaps to the time of the Patriarchs."

"It's mine!" The plastic boat proved on inspection to bear a price-tag of IL7.25, whereupon my son searched out Felix Selig in the crush and spat in his eye.

Yet the riddle of the day was an anonymous transistor with underwater earplugs which had come with no proof-of-ownership attached. Who the hell had brought it? We checked the list of "Skinsuits under IL75" kept up by my daughter, and after a hasty family council decided the submarine marvel must be put down to one of our two unindexed visitors — the dentist or the bowtie. Which one of them, thought? We were torn by doubt, made unbearable by not knowing which of them to hate and which to shouldn't have. In the end Amir went on a hunch and kicked the dentist. One up to bowtie.

Finally there was the dubious case of Elad's pa, who'd brought a coloured woodcut of Frankfurt City, with an inscription in ink: "For Elad, on his birthday." We spilled raspberry juice over the pa. Cops, sorry.

"Hey," Amir was greeting the last arrivals. "How much?"

HE'D GROWN up a perfect monster: his glittering eyes were sunk deep into his head, his hands shook with avarice. I broke into the locked storeroom through the window and caught my blushing wife in flagrante making off with Golda's Life. I licked my thumb and counted the cheques, and was really shocked by the waste of it. Good Lord, I said to myself, such huge sums of money in a poor country like ours! The mere thought that my son, that whipper-snapper, would now deposit this fortune in the bank gave me a fit. What would it buy him in another 12 years, ha? A flea?

I took most of the cheques and pocketed them. After all, from this day on my son is no longer responsible for his father's sins, right? A man ought to make the most of that. Besides, I had paid for this party with my money. I was the investor, the producer. Let the brat go work.

Feeling quite braced I stretched three springs wall to wall, pinched another five Parkers and an alarm-clock, and sneaked back to the mob. The cheque-post was deserted. My son was crouching on the floor and totting up lots of figures with lots of pens. Grown-up, did I say? Grown old, ladies and gentlemen, a stooping old man is this child now, and his hair has gone grey overnight.

Translated by Miriam Arad  
By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

## Tipat Halav stations will become public health clinics

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Ministry plans to turn its Tipat Halav mother-and-child-care stations into general public health centres, where anyone will be able to find out if he is on the way to heart trouble, diabetes or other troubles.

Ministry director-general Yacov Mancel told a national conference of supervisory public-health nurses last week that the plan is to have Tipat

Halav nurses give tests for high blood pressure, diabetes and breast cancer. They would also give guidance on nutrition and care of heart disease, and perform other public health tasks. He said that broadening the work of the Tipat Halav stations would not require any great investment; it was more a matter of reorganizing the health services to prepare for a state health insurance law.

### Music

## Too much of a jumble

ONE CAN UNDERSTAND the I.P.O.'s desire to diversify its programmes as much as possible, but its last subscription concert (Tel-Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Feb. 12), was too much of a jumble. Two symphonic works: Verdi's "I Vespri Siciliani" overture and Shostakovich's ninth symphony; a ballet performance by the Batsheva Dance Company; and a distinguished organist, Wilhelm Krumbach, was too much of a good thing. Each one of the three components was of enough interest to be the focus of a whole evening.

The man who had to shoulder this musical, ungrateful task was conductor Shalom Ronly-Riklis. He opened with a very effective presentation of the overture. Terse and well balanced, it provided a fine curtain-raiser. His craftsmanship also served extremely well for Partos "Visions" with Uri Severan, the flutist, as excellent soloist and Poulenc's concerto, though with players now confined to the pit, not all the details came across clearly enough. The Symphony, however, was much less impressive. True, the "Ninth" is not one of Shostakovich's masterpieces and much of it sounds surprisingly hollow and meaningless. But Riklis' technically smooth, matter-of-fact reading, did not even convey what the symphony does have to offer.

Mr. Krumbach's first item, the Bach, was a painful disappointment. For some inexplicable reason, the electronic organ produced only a slim fraction of its volume capacity. The monumental Toccata and Fugue in D-minor sounded meagre and thin, without climaxes or any impressive accumulation of sonorities. Poulenc's concerto, on the other hand, provided unequalled pleasure. The concerto's melodic invention, its flowing harmonies and colourful sonorities make for very pleasant listening. The organ now seemed properly adjusted and gave Mr. Krumbach every possibility of creating a most lovingly phrased solo part.

Benjamin Bar-Am

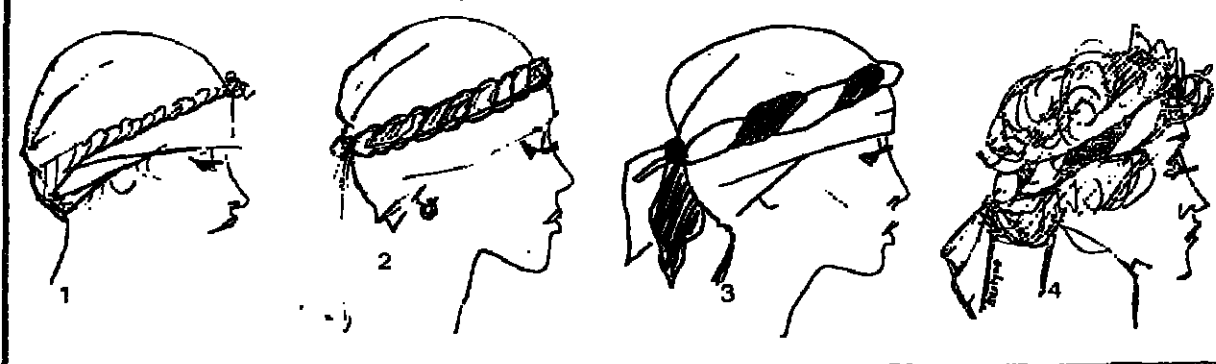
## Cool musical approach

PRO MUSICA, conducted by Dalia Atlas (Haifa Auditorium, February 9), presented Max Gieg's Holberg suite for strings op. 40. Written in memory of the poet Ludwig Holberg (1884-1954) who was called "the Moliere of the North," the Suite was well performed and well received. Mr. Krumbach, in Bach's Violin Concerto in E major, has a brilliant technique, which, often hides his cool musical approach. However, conductor and orchestra provided a spirited accompaniment. With Gabrieli two Ricercari and Respighi's "Antioche Darse de Arlo; (Suite 3) the conductor and her well trained group won well-deserved and unreserved applause.

G. W. B.

Through the Looking Glass / Joanna Yehiel

## FIT TO BE TIED



TAKE A QUICK glance through all those glossy women's fashion magazines in the bookshop (I'm not suggesting you actually buy them) or in the local British Council Library or U.S. Cultural Centre. What is every single model wearing? She may be in boots or shoes, pants or skirt, three sweaters or a see-through blouse. But she's sure to be wearing a scarf.

Scarves are this year's quiet revolution. The models have taken them like ducks to water, as have the fashion magazines (after all, it's cheaper to tie a couple of them round the model's head than send her out to have a time-consuming, expensive session at Jean-Louis).

The same goes for you. No matter what your hair looks like, you can disguise it in a couple of twists. If your face isn't quite what you hoped today, then a belated head wrap will divert attention. And you can also go out knowing you look as fashionable as they come, with the new, small head that everyone's talking about, without having to cut off all your hair that it took so long to grow.

The newness is in the way you tie those scarves. And the fact that you use not just one, but two or even three. Gone is the peasant style, tied under the chin. Or the "ready-for-

Ascot" look of scarf tied over wide-brimmed hat. The secret is in the twist.

Basic equipment is one square headscarf, and two long thin ones, of cotton, chiffon, silk or terry. The colours and patterns are up to you; use what you have to hand. (By the way, what about those cast-off nappies — diapers to the Americans? — They make excellent muslin-look head scarves, tied with another, coloured, real scarf. But be sure to wash them first!)

Let's start with an easy one. Take the square scarf and fold it diagonally across to get a triangle. Then put it over your head with the long double fold low down across the forehead and the tip of the triangle pointing down the back of your neck. Take the two ends, and cross them, then (this is the new thing), twist them until they form fairly hard rolls of material. Then tie in a small knot in the front, tucking the ends under. (See figure 1).

This is the first of the new-look scarf fashions. All the others flow from the original twisting of the material idea.

The next one takes the square headscarf, and ties it back under the back of the head, ends tucked under,

also with the front low across the forehead. Then another scarf (this time a long one in a contrasting colour) is twisted round and round, and tied over the first scarf, like a Roman victory wreath. (Figure 2.) Another variation on this uses the same square headscarf tied the same way, but two long scarves (they must be very thin or you just get a bulge all round your head) twisted together like a plait tied around the first. (Figure 3).

Or forget about the original square scarf, and just tie the two long twisted scarves together round your head. Here, your hair does show, so make sure it is smooth. (Figure 4).

Now, take one of the long thin scarves, pin one end close to the head, and wrap it round and round your head, to form the turban that fashion magazines loved so much this year. Not a hair in sight.

FROM THESE FIVE styles, you can invent your own (if your hair is long, what about twisting it into the scarf ends, falling down the back of your neck? or what about a twisted head, band to keep an over-long fringe back off your forehead?). I don't believe there's ever been a fashion capable of so many variations — or so cheap.

## Beverly Hills confronts spectacle of creeping poverty

By TOM TUGEND  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES. — THE FABLED golden ghetto of Beverly Hills, dotted with million dollar mansions, Cadillacs and private tennis courts, is bracing for hard times — well, sort of.

The palm-fringed city, whose residents fiercely guard its independence against the surrounding Los Angeles sprawl, anticipates a \$2.2m. budget deficit during the coming fiscal year, according to a glum announcement by Mayor George Slaff.

What's bad for Beverly Hills is bad for the Jews, they say. Estimates of the percentage of the Jewish population among the 32,000 inhabitants vary from a low of 60 per cent to a high of 90 per cent, with the actual number probably around 75 per cent. Wealthy, educated and socially conscious, Beverly Hills' Jews traditionally provide most of the organizational leadership for the 500,000 strong community of the Los Angeles metropolitan area and a large share of the financial support for worthy local projects and Israel fund drives.

Happily, the collective citizenry of Beverly Hills is confronting the spec-

tre of creeping poverty with resolution and the resourceful pioneer spirit so characteristic of the Western frontier.

**Austerity measures**  
The City Council has decreed a reduction in the mowing and edging of the town's hitherto immaculate public lawns and the removal of bottled water coolers from City Hall (except for those in the mayor's office, the city manager's office and the chambers of the city council). Future belt-tightening measures call for a doubling of parking meter fees, charges for hitherto free lawn bowling and domestic refuse pick-up, and increased taxes.

However, sacrifice has its limits, especially if it impinges on Jewish devotion to children and the elderly. The heavily subsidized municipal day care centre for 90 children, whose parents earn the un-Beverly Hills-like pittance of \$12,000 per year, will be continued, as will the

elaborate senior citizen and playground recreational programmes.

Nevertheless, voices are already being raised against further cuts. "If we slash any deeper," one citizen warned in the local paper, "it won't be Beverly Hills anymore. We'll be just like any other community in California."

The sturdy inhabitants of Beverly Hills — and their servants — can be counted on to resist so terrible a prospect to the last swimming pool.

## Rifle training for high school pupils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rifle training will be given to ninth- and tenth-grade high school pupils as part of their Gadna (paramilitary) activities.

Under the programme, which will start this year at selected high schools, pupils will go for one full day of instruction. This will be followed later by two half-day sessions of practice on the rifle range, the Education Ministry spokesman said on Sunday.

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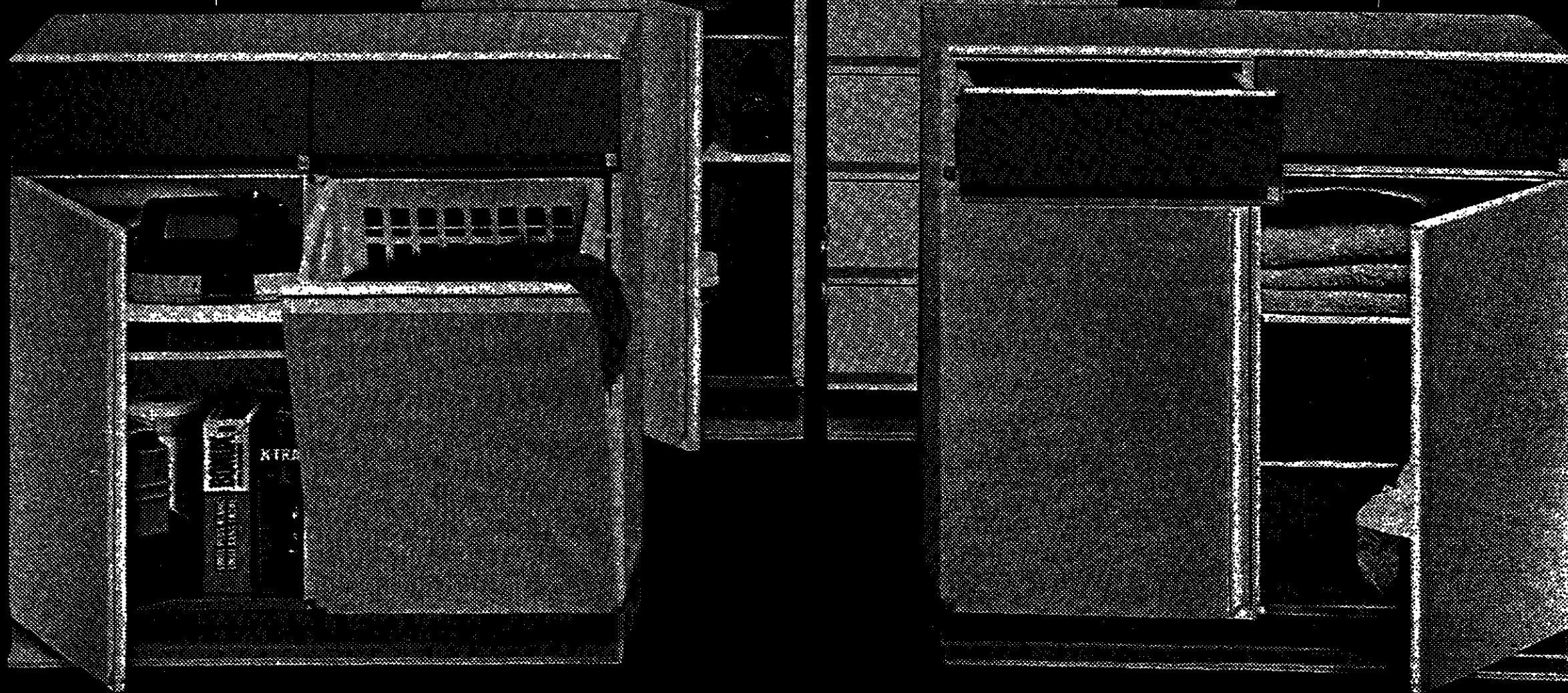
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## World's police losing the battle against greedy art thieves

By JACK MAURICE / Paris

THE world's police forces are working overtime in efforts to trade major works of art, an increasingly attractive target for international gangs, stole 4,785 precious objects last year, three times as many as in 1970. France alone thieves broke into museums, 204 castles, 152 galleries, 200 churches in search of unlooted loot. Their haul is estimated at \$25m. But Italy offers the most incentives to art robbers. Hundreds of treasured paintings, sculptures and drawings have been looted in the peninsula in three years.

The ease with which daring thieves can make a fortune in a planned coup was illustrated on May 31 when three masked men, had hidden inside Avignon's level Palace of the Popes, overpowered watchmen guarding a vast collection of the works of the artist Pablo Picasso.

The raiders made off with 119 canvases whose insured value was \$2m. Most of the works were Picasso's pure because he never signed works before they were sold. The paintings had been bequeathed to a family but had been kept at the palace in Avignon since his death two years ago while relatives wrangled their inheritance.

Picasso is a particularly powerful force for art thieves. In October 1974, a gridded hole from an adjoining wing into the Urban Gallery in Paris, a painting by the artist was stolen and got away with 10 pictures.

Their value was estimated at \$500,000.

Two more raids have more in common than the fact that Picasso was the target. Although the French police put top rank detectives in cases, they never sought the aid of Interpol, the international police organization which has forces of 120 countries.

Interpol's headquarters at Saint-Genes Paris house a special division which deals with art thefts. It is headed by Chief of Police Andre Bossard, head of criminal investigation department. He said: "We only succeed in one art robbery out of every 100 cases on us."

He said a major problem is that police forces are usually reluctant to provide Interpol with details of missing works of art. Collectors are often reluctant to photograph expensive paintings and sculptures because they fear embarrassing questions from the tax man about how they could afford to buy them.

Bossard said: "Unesco has just started making an inventory of major works of art. But this will take years and to be of use to us it must include first-class colour photos."

The Interpol crime chief reported that churches were especially prone to robbery. In France, where church and state are separate entities, the nation owns the building which is put at the disposal of the religious authorities. The local municipality is responsible for maintaining it and the police for its protection.

This means that coordination of measures to safeguard valuable statues of saints, precious altar ornaments and ecclesiastical objects is extremely difficult. Since churches must be left open to the faithful for prayer at almost all hours, they offer a standing invitation to burglars. The police also believe that what they call "progressive priests" are often accomplices.

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Bossard went on: "A hold-up is a much more dangerous venture for a criminal than a raid on an art gallery or private collection. When I was a superintendent in Neuilly, a swank Paris suburb, I was amazed by the careless way in which wealthy people left their works of art unprotected. They usually locked the front door — though not always — but their duplex apartments were easily accessible from terraces via shutters which were left open by the owners while absent on vacation in order to let the air in and keep their treasures fresh."

In fact, protection boils down to a problem of money. Wealthy collectors can afford to invest in guards, alarms and powerful Alsatians and Doberman Pinschers. Municipal and state-owned museums are often more reluctant to earmark funds to deter thieves.

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Lost and found — Fire detectors display Frans Hals' "The Lute Player," one of 19 paintings worth more than £8m. which the policemen had recovered after they were stolen from the Cork home of millionaire Sir Alfred Beit. (AP radiophoto).

spite of a protection system which is considered almost inviolable. Since the Mona Lisa vanished for several years at the beginning of the century, surveillance has been radically improved, but this did not prevent the extraordinary disappearance of a valuable wood painting of the Virgin Mary by a student of the 14th century Italian master Giotto earlier this month.

Sunday afternoon visitors looked on without intervening as a man unhooked the picture and walked off with it. By the time they recovered their senses and summoned the guards, he was gone. The museum was closed within minutes but a search failed to turn up either the thief or the painting.

Some works are recovered after discreet deals between the thieves

and the insurance companies. But many simply vanish for years — or for ever. Unscrupulous dealers and collectors, who are really fences or receivers, hang onto stolen works for 15 years until they enjoy immunity from prosecution under France's statute of limitations. When this period has elapsed they can often sell their booty at 25 times its original price.

Chief Superintendent Bossard summed up the problems faced by Interpol and the world's police forces in fighting art thefts in a pungent sentence: "The problem is that works of art are no longer prized for their aesthetic value but for what they will fetch in francs, pounds or dollars. With inflation raging everywhere they will remain a bait for the dishonest."

### In Memoriam

## Historical-geographer of great pioneering spirit

IT IS NOW a week since the untimely death of Professor Yohanan Aharoni, one of the foremost archaeologists and scholars of the Land of Israel and the founder of the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Tel Aviv.

When we come to appraise the life work of Prof. Aharoni, a personality of unique characteristics emerges. The crowning achievement of his labours, which he began as an excursion-leader for youth movements and kibbutzim, was his environmental study of the Biblical Negev. Aharoni delved deeply into his subject, combining his first-hand acquaintance of the country with a profound knowledge of its written history.

Yohanan Aharoni was first and foremost a historical-geographer. He defined this discipline for his students and expanded the theme in his book "The Land of the Bible" as the science of synthesis—a synthesis that may be attained through the interweaving of geographical, historical and archaeological research.

This synthesis found its full expression in the personality of Prof. Aharoni, and this is the quality that attracted the many who went to become his disciples, whether they were acquainted with him through personal contact or through his first scientific research, "The Settlement of the Israelite Tribes in the Upper Galilee." This book was actually his doctoral dissertation at the Hebrew University, written under the guidance of Prof. Masar, his spiritual mentor and the scientific methodology introduced in this work was subsequently developed into a centralized approach to the study of the historical-geography of the ancient Land of Israel.

His method is based on the collection and study of all existing literary evidence pertaining to a particular region, a re-examination of the historical documentation, the posing of pertinent questions concerning the process of settlement, political boundaries and the historical events that befell the region, and finally an attempt to find answers to these questions through interpretation of the archaeological remains.

An exact archaeological survey, excavation of selected sites discovered in the survey, the collation of direct knowledge of the region and its remains with historical texts: this is in essence the methodology of Yohanan Aharoni.

During the past 20 years, Prof. Aharoni was engaged in research on the ancient Negev. He began his work as an archaeologist on the staff of Prof. Even-Ari in a study of early agriculture in the Negev, and continued with his own independent research on the Negev trade routes and fortresses, eventually devoting his efforts to the Biblical Negev, that is, the Beer-sheva region.

The two central texts in this region—Arad at the east and Beer-sheva at the west—were excavated by Aharoni over the past 12 years, — and simultaneously, as part of the same project—Tel Masos and Tel Malhata were also excavated. This study, which is the first of its kind to be carried out in Israel, may be considered an elaboration of the methodology innovated by Aharoni in the Galilee. This additional step specifies that regional research through archaeological surveys and small-scale excavations alone is not sufficient, but must be based on extensive excavations of most of the



central sites in the region. This project, which was prematurely terminated, had already begun to bear fruit with the publication of "Beer-sheva I", as well as blazing a trail for future projects that will follow.

It is essential to mention an additional quality of Yohanan Aharoni's character: his pioneering enthusiasm. Prof. Aharoni was the first Israeli scholar to explore the caves of the Judean Desert (in 1953) in the footsteps of Bar-Kochba. Surmounting difficult conditions and practically without material means, he excavated the cave in Nahal Hever which he called the "Cave of Horror", as well as the cave which subsequently came to be known as the "Cave of the Letters." The story of this pioneering expedition appears — in addition to the scientific publication — in the popular book which he wrote in collaboration with Ben-Zvi and Ben-David, "In the Footsteps of Kings and Rebels in the Judean Desert."

THE MAJOR undertaking of exploring the caves of Bar-Kochba was begun through the initiative of Yohanan Aharoni at the head of a small group of students and volunteers in the caves of Nahal Tselim in 1960. The discovery of phylacteries and fragments of writing in these caves led to the organization of the large-scale expedition that eventually discovered the Bar-Kochba letters and other finds from this period. Prof. Aharoni was also a member of the first archaeological expedition to Masada, which included the late Prof. Avi-Yonah, Prof. Avigad, and the long-time Masada explorer, Shmariya Guttman.

This pioneering spirit also resulted in the founding of the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Tel Aviv. Prof. Aharoni regarded this institute not only as an instrument combining teaching and research, but also a means of achieving cooperation through the independent efforts of various scholars.

From the very beginning of his research Prof. Aharoni concentrated on the study of the Iron Age in the Land of Israel — or according to his preferred terminology, "the Israelite Period;" his contribution to our knowledge of this subject is of considerable significance. He explored the nature of the settlement of the Israelite tribes both in the Upper Galilee and in the Negev. His last work on this subject stressed the antiquity of Israel "in its land," and he produced archaeological, epigraphical and historical evidence to establish the beginning of Israelite settlement already in the 14th century BCE.

### Prof. Yohanan Aharoni

As area supervisor with the Hazor expedition, Prof. Aharoni excavated the casemate wall and gate of the Solomonic period and was the first to date them accurately. His discovery of this period also at Beer-sheva and Arad brought him to a reevaluation of the building enterprises of King David at Megiddo, Tel Dan and other sites. The Israelite temples that existed from the days of Solomon and onwards at Arad, the cultic remains at Lachish and Beer-sheva turned his attention to the problem of religious worship in Judah and Israel and the role of the sanctuaries in defining political borders of the country in antiquity. At Beer-sheva he uncovered a well-planned city which had been destroyed by Sennacherib; and at Arad, which was repeatedly razed and rebuilt, Aharoni determined the stratigraphy and ceramic chronology of the Kingdom of Judah. The particular attention he paid to each and every shard of pottery yielded fruits at Arad and resulted in the discovery of a large archive of the Kingdom of Judah belonging to this period: by means of these ostracons, found in stratigraphic context, he was the first to be able to demonstrate the development of Hebrew paleography on a stratigraphical basis. The "Arad Inscriptions," which was published only a few months prior to his death, earned him the Ben-Zvi award.

The final phase of the monarchical period was discovered by Aharoni in his excavations at Ramat Rahel. The results of this excavation included the palace of one of the last kings of Judah, royal (lamellekhi) seals, and seal impressions of the Jewish governors of the autonomous province of Yehud, which were contemporary with Jerusalem during the period of the Persian Empire.

The teachings of Yohanan Aharoni can be found throughout scores of articles in scientific journals in Israel and abroad and are summarized in his books, "The Land of the Bible," the Macmillan "Atlas of the Bible," written together with Prof. Avi-Yonah, and "Archaeology of the Land of Israel," which he managed to prepare for publication only a few weeks before he passed away.

It is impossible to conclude even a brief eulogy on Yohanan Aharoni the scholar without describing Yohanan Aharoni the man — a man of modest demeanour, a man of the people, a friend to all, who even upon attaining the heights of his scientific career, remained the same "kibbutznik," unassuming and open-hearted, the ideal image of an Israeli scholar.

MOSHE KOCHAVI  
(Prof. Kochavi is head of the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Tel Aviv)

### In Memoriam

## Fervent fighter for women's rights

DORIT PADAN-EISENSTARK, who was killed in a traffic accident last week at the age of 48, was taken from us just as she had begun to reach full flowering both in her career and in her involvement in public affairs.

Brought to this country by her parents as a young child from Germany, Dorit grew up amid solid Zionist traditions. After completing her schooling at the Herzl Gymnasium in Tel Aviv, she joined the Palmach where she was assigned to an experimental all-girls group. It was then that she first felt that women are entitled to bear equal responsibilities if they are to enjoy equal privileges. Her first sociological research was on the status of women in the kibbutz and her findings came as such a shock to her that she went on to investigate woman's place in Israeli society generally. She found that the status of women in Israel had eroded in comparison both with the country's own pioneering past and with achievements in other progressive states.

Dorit was not content to observe this process objectively from an academic ivory tower. She called for

urgent steps to stop the drift which was caused, in her opinion, not so much by external pressures as by the cultural and social traditions surrounding a girl from birth. She demanded equal opportunities for boys and girls from infancy, for sons and daughters, for adult men and women, to be utilized to the best of their natural capacities. She advocated a changed approach to functions within the family unit and a different division of family tasks aimed at easing the woman's "double role." Finally, she pleaded for legal intervention for the protection of women to be kept to a minimum since this tended to defeat its own purpose and often backfired against a woman, hampering her advance in employment and career.

Dorit was essentially logical in her opinions and her approach. She spent much time collecting the necessary data to prove her points and only then published her numerous articles in professional journals and the general press. She always looked for a synthesis between her scientific

research and its practical applications, preferably along new and unexplored paths.

It was typical that the new course in the behavioural sciences should have been opened under her direction at the Ben-Gurion University and it was equally obvious that Mo'etzet Hapsolet, of which she was a dedicated member, should have decided to cooperate with her in launching the Pioneer Women's 50th anniversary project — the Study Centre on the Status of Women — at the same university.

Despite her many professional and public activities, Dorit was a devoted wife and mother. Her zeal and enthusiasm were infectious. Her smile, her friendliness, her readiness to help will be sorely missed by her many friends, colleagues and students. She has left a gap in our lives which will not easily be filled. She has also left a body of unpublished research. It is to be hoped that her work will be published in order to continue the mission she set as her life's goal.

TAMAR ESHEL

### Dr. Dorit Padan-Eisenstark

## Shirley Temple is a hit in Ghana

By CAMERON DUDU / Accra



Shirley Temple — with Shirley Temple doll. (Unipix)

toasted me, I remarked "What a marvellous family of sons I've got." It brought the house down."

It was through her work on the United Nations Conference on Human Environment that the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation put her portrait on a "Ceres" medal. Ceres is the goddess of wheat and

Ceres medals are sold by the FAO all over the world to raise funds for the purchase of food for poor countries. The citation on Mrs. Black's medal is taken from the closing speech she made on behalf of the U.N. delegation to the Stockholm Conference and reads: "We must acknowledge our kinship as human beings." (Ofas)

PLES of solid gold adorned her hair. Her hair was neatly enclosed in a heart of muted gold colours and wore a simple but elegant dress in sober hues matched her but pensive mood.

Shirley Temple Black, 48, former film star and now United States ambassador to Ghana, looked every inch dignified as an Abonets member of Cape Coast: a queenly woman of the paramount stools who in the Akan Kingdoms of the West Indies Black collected the in an honorary capacity a mere months after arriving here to represent her country.

With her matriarchal presence however lies the sharp heart of a wary diplomat. Since taking her credentials to the Ghana Head of State, Colonel I.K. Agyemang, on December 6, 1974, she has managed, a few American ambassadors have before, to quietly but that side of America which is so arrogant and inclined towards militarism and which is so arrogant amidst the controversy secretly waged wars and nation plots.

Mrs. Black has toured most of the major regions of the country and her grasp of its problems, particularly those in the nutritional and health fields, is impressive in its comprehensiveness.

A member of the U.S. delegation to the 24th U.N. General Assembly in 1969, Mrs. Black served on the Assembly's first and second committees. "I had 13 assignments for that General Assembly: the average number of assignments per delegate was four. I never saw a single play in New York and never saw a movie. I would go back to my hotel every day laden with books."

She was appointed Deputy Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Preparatory Committee of the U.N. Conference on Human Environment in Stockholm, in 1970. She was the only woman from any country among the 80 delegates when the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee took place in Geneva. "If you see photographs of the session, you'll see me almost drowning in a sea of men. A funny thing happened when I was invited to a dinner party at which there were no other women. I was placed at one end of a long table with the host at the other end. After he'd

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## Down a slippery road

THE NEW supplementary budget — the second in three weeks — is again being explained by the need to put the economy into shape, to plug deficit spending, and to boost exports. The Treasury tells us that from now on close vigilance will be exercised over the government's revenues and expenditures. They will be subject to monthly scrutiny to prevent inflationary leaks and excessive commitments.

Moreover, the new levies on foreign travel and other services paid in foreign currency are said to have been long overdue. The Treasury claims that there is no reason to exempt "imported services" from the 15 per cent surcharge levied on commodity imports and that the increased travel tax should be borne with a smile by those who find they can afford to go abroad in the present condition of national stringency.

Such arguments have been heard all too often in the past. The more they are repeated the less credible they become. Perhaps the new measures were indeed overdue, but in that case why were they delayed so long?

For months now exporters have been lining up for larger incentives. But they were turned down on the grounds that there were no funds, that existing incentives were adequate, and that the key to export expansion was not increased incentives but increased labour productivity.

Now suddenly the logic has been reversed. Incentives are to be raised, but we hear nothing about what is to be done about productivity.

Certainly, the Government's promise to end its own over-spending is not reassuring. For the new Supplementary Budget will stoke the flames of inflation even more than the previous supplements since at least half of the projected IL950 million in additional expenditure will be financed by dubious devices.

The Governor of the Bank of Israel has already voiced his concern about the new moves and his opinion has been backed by a consensus of independent economists. The resignation of the Income Tax Commissioner shows that even within the Treasury opinions are sharply divided on major issues, which does not augur well for a firm and consistent policy.

The budget due to be tabled next week takes continued inflation for granted, and is so framed as to further aggravate it. The postponement of VAT (Value Added Tax) will both reduce the budgeted revenue, and make the eventual price rise — when VAT is finally put into effect — larger and more strongly felt. The slump in the debenture market is already jeopardizing the forecast loan revenue, and may force the government to print more money than it has planned.

At the same time the gap is widening between the Government and the Histadrut, with the latter threatening to resist the intended hikes in the prices of subsidized commodities and in municipal rates. And the calm on the wage front may soon be shattered by cries of dissatisfaction with the accelerating price creep — and especially by the public employees' insistence on getting higher wages next year, like the production workers before them.

There is a natural tendency to try and cure the country's economic malaise by mere sermonizing. This will not do. What is needed is not more verbiage about the Government's honourable intentions, but better evidence that the Government has a firm and clear programme, and that it has the will and determination to put that programme into effect, regardless of difficulties.

At the moment, such evidence is still missing.

## Dry Bones



## Latest fiscal moves welcomed

DAVAT (Histadrut) welcomes the latest measures which, inter alia, have brought the rate of the travel dollar into line with the cost of imported services and goods. "These moves are an integral part of the general effort to arrest further deterioration of the balance of payments: Non-essential dollar spending will be curbed, while dollar earnings may be expected to increase as a result of boosted export incentives."

AL HAMSHABAR (Mapam) terms the new fiscal moves "reasonable" but notes that these measures can at best raise half the amount earmarked for added export premiums. The other half will, after all, be paid out at the cost of an increased deficit, which is all the more serious for the expected postponement of the imposition of value-added tax — in itself the source of hundreds of millions pounds added deficit.

HATZOFE (National Religious) asks why the obvious need for increased export incentives at this juncture was not taken into consideration in the preparation of the original budget. "The drop-by-drop style of inflation and adjustments undermines the public's confidence in the treasury's economic policy... which should show enough foresight for one fiscal year."

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WASHINGTON. — "KEEP COOL, Henry," advised the "New York Daily News" in an editorial. "The very great intellectual and diplomatic gifts of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger are clad in one of the thinnest hides in public life," the Saturday editorial commented.

The reference was to Kissinger's emotional press conference at the State Department last Thursday, during which he was visibly shaken by questions on allegations against him contained in the suppressed Pike Committee report on the CIA, many portions of which have been leaked to the press.

The Secretary, his voice choked with strain, lashed out against the Congressional report as "a new form of McCarthyism," so distorted that it amounted to "a malicious lie."

This latest episode in Kissinger's Washington career resulted in heightened speculation about his tenure in office. For Israeli officials and their supporters in the U.S., the question of Kissinger's holding on to his job has tremendous implications, considering his dominant role in the shaping of U.S. foreign policy.

"We could wake up sooner than many people might realize with a whole new ball game," one political observer noted.

In fact, President Ford's announcement of support for Kissinger again last week, coupled with Ford's assertion that he would retain Kissinger's services as long as the

diplomat wanted to work for him, suggested to some observers here that the Secretary might again be threatening resignation because of the criticism.

If President Ford is defeated in his bid to win a full four-year term of office in the November election, the new administration will take over on January 20, 1977. It was generally assumed here — until last week — that Kissinger would stay in office until 1977, although he would probably retire shortly afterwards even if Ford wins. But recent developments have forced a reassessment of that view.

The current attacks against Kissinger have spread to presidential politics, with Democratic hopefuls and Republican challenger Ronald Reagan beginning to make Kissinger and his diplomacy an important campaign issue.

## VIEWPOINT

## Brussels meet must make it clear— 'No detente at expense of the Jewish People'

By DR. ZEV KATZ

THE SECOND Brussels Conference for Soviet Jewry convenes today five years after the first conference — but the circumstances, now are completely different. The first conference held its sessions in February, 1970 at the zenith of the world outcry on behalf of Soviet Jewry, which followed the Leningrad hijacking trial.

The present conference takes place in a period of silence. The Jews saved from a death sentence at Leningrad are being submitted to a slow death in the infamous Soviet concentration camps of Gulag, while Jewish immigration from Russia has touched the lowest point since large-scale emigration was allowed by the Soviets. Efforts for Soviet Jewry appear to be at a low ebb.

Brussels I took place in a period of great anguish, but also of great hope: it was before the first large wave of aliyah, before the Jackson Amendment, at the beginning of U.S.-Soviet detente negotiations. The latter were expected to yield a permanent arrangement regarding Soviet Jewry which would be included in a new pattern of Soviet-Western relations.

Brussels II convenes after the disappointment following the Soviet rejection of the Jackson Amendment, after the disillusion with Soviet-American detente, and after some sobering experiences in the absorption of the first major wave of Soviet-Jewish emigres, both in Israel and in the West.

But Brussels II is taking place at a crucial time: on the eve of the decisive 28th Party Congress in Moscow, several months before a crucial election in the U.S., and, generally, at a fateful moment in the existence of Soviet Jewry. In both the U.S. elections and the Soviet deliberations, one of the decisive questions will be whether or not detente should continue. The debate will seek to define the limits of detente, and its nature.

The Soviet elite has shown itself sensitive to accusations in the West about anti-Semitism in the USSR. To a certain degree, therefore, it is imperative that pressure in the West continue in various forms — and the Brussels Conference is an important platform for this purpose. In an election year, U.S. politicians are also more likely to take note.

BUT IN ITS present circumstances, the Brussels Conference will not fulfill its objectives if it remains on the level of "a public-relations" effort. The world today is wary of declarations and pronouncements, and it is even less interested in pro-Jewish and pro-Israel publicity campaigns. If Brussels is to make a decisive impact, both in the East and the West, it must become a venue for a major policy formulation; it must seek a means to open the locked doors and to free the prisoners. What form should this policy take?

Brussels II should link the strategy of world detente with the fate of the Jewish People. The basic fact is that until now detente between East and West has been made according to an ancient formula — "Kroms Yevreyev" ("except Hebrews") —

Jews apart. The issues of a secure existence for Israel and of a solution to the Jewish problem in the USSR have not been included as an integral part of East-West detente. And the situation of World Jewry has changed dramatically in five years.

Israel's existence and the fate of Soviet Jewry have been endangered and made an object of international games. This, in turn, has endangered the very existence of detente and created grave barriers in the way of its fruition, especially with regard to the Soviet Union.

The main message of the Brussels Conference should be: "Detente must include the Jewish People. No detente at the expense of the Jewish People." At this crucial point, the representatives of the Jewish People and of non-Jewish humanitarian forces supporting the struggle for Soviet Jewry should support totally any further development of detente which takes the fate of the Jewish People into account; and it should do everything in its might to prevent the continuation and implementation of a detente which overlooks the fate of three million Soviet Jews.

Brussels II meets in the capital of the European Common Market in the wake of the Helsinki declaration, in which the USSR undertook obligations to preserve human rights.

At present, the forces of Western European Communism — in Italy, France, Spain and Portugal — are marshalling their resources in an attempt to grab a share of power within the very citadel of NATO and Western democracy. Communist leaders, such as Enrico Berlinguer and Georges Marchais, perceive that their way lies through distancing themselves from Soviet practices which negate human rights and liberties. These leaders attempt to persuade Western opinion that they stand for another model of Communism, which would include democratic pluralism and adherence to basic human rights. The Brussels Conference should issue a clear message to these forces and to European public opinion asserting the same principles mentioned above: No political or social organization can pretend to stand for democracy and human rights as long as it remains blind to the fate of Soviet Jews.

The Brussels Conference will not live up to the challenge of the fate of Soviet Jewry if it limits itself to conventional explanations, declarations and appeals. The world doesn't care. It doesn't want to listen. There is perhaps a chance to shake public opinion out of its lethargy if it is confronted with a clear cut decision: the Jewish People must be included in detente. If this policy is backed up by the solid determination and will of the Jewish people and friendly forces in the West — the Soviets will take note. Then, perhaps there will be no need for a Brussels III.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### RABIN'S VISIT TO U.S.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a subscriber to your paper, I would like to give you my opinion of Premier Rabin on TV here in the U.S.

It was distressing to see the Premier of a great little country who, in spite of her powerful and rich enemies, scored victory after victory in wars of annihilation and whose light shines bright in the world, come and raise his hands and plead: "We will go anywhere, meet anyone, do anything for peace."

Baloney! You are fighting for the life of your country and the PLO in your backyard would be the end of you. You have an army second to none,

a people dedicated to victory against all odds. Stand up there, Mr. Premier, look'em in the eye: you need America, but America needs you. Tell them the hard facts, Mr. Premier, no bending of the knee or the spirit. The world won't hate you any more for it, or love you more if you play it low key.

JOSEPH SUTTON  
Miami, Florida, February 2.

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# Will Kissinger quit?

The U.S. press has been poking at 'thin-skinned Henry Kissinger,' and the Secretary of State last week lashed back at his critics. The latest episode has led to renewed speculation the Secretary will resign, perhaps before the November elections. These developments — and the implications for Israel — are discussed by The Jerusalem Post's Washington correspondent, Wolf Blitzler.

If Kissinger quits, it would be a shocking setback for Ford, especially in light of the sudden resignation earlier this month of UN Ambassador Daniel Moynihan. Kissinger told the press conference last week he would resign if his effectiveness were curtailed. Privately, he has confided to friends that he is leaving this option open.

### Risky concessions

This uncertainty over Kissinger's future has intensified the conviction among some Israeli officials that it is essential for Israel to avoid making important political decisions until the Washington situation becomes clearer. Even before these latest developments, Israeli officials had privately suggested that it would not pay to make risky concessions to the Arab states this year, since those same concessions may no longer be necessary if a new U.S. administration takes over in January. Ford, Kissinger and other U.S. officials have been irritated by what they have perceived as a stall cam-

paign by Israel. The Americans are anxious to maintain diplomatic momentum this year, fearful of an Arab return to war and another oil embargo. Because of this U.S. sensitivity, Prime Minister Rabin has insisted that all Israeli officials to project an image of flexibility and movement towards peace, even during this election year.

Privately, however, Israeli officials have conceded that press leaks about possible Israel-Jordan negotiations have been designed in part to take some of the heat off Israel. These officials believe such negotiations are practically a non-starter, since the Rabin government is unlikely to make a sweeping offer to King Hussein which would convince him to reject the Rabat summit conference decision.

Israel's answer for this year has been to embark on intensive consultations with Washington on the difficult issues involved in an overall settlement. A semblance of diplomatic activity could thus be maintained.

As for political analysts, becoming more tolerant of the dilemma, since every move dealing in serious negotiations to seek clarifications before tough decisions.

But other experts here believe Israel might be adopting a slightly different policy in seeking to win new administrations, those who have historically been difficult for Israel, the new government less concerned with domestic political pressures by Israel supporters. The Rabin Government apparently does not believe that Israeli officials are alienating the implications of a new administration.

Kissinger, Rabin met quietly during his recent visit to New York. The administration official Cyrus Vance, an American expert on foreign who is currently out of town, would have a good chance to meet important foreign policy officials, including the Secretary of State or the National Security Affairs.

But that speculation is premature, since the Democratic candidates in the front runner has yet emerged. The Secretary, once the usual U.S. official in both the Senate and House of Representatives — lawmakers are expressions of support.

## Peckarsky's hostile questioning

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — THIS PAST WEEK'S talk over Kissinger's future has an interesting footnote that has been largely overlooked. A young American Jewish reporter, working for an obscure newspaper, can be said to have again brought this issue into the spotlight. This reporter — Peter Peckarsky, a national correspondent for the "Buckeye News and Review" published in Farmington, Ohio — was partly responsible for Kissinger's near tears at his Salzburg press conference in 1974.

Peckarsky asked Kissinger, during a June 1974 State Department press conference, whether the Secretary had retained counsel to defend himself in Watergate-related trials and "a possible perjury indictment." That question and Kissinger's sensitivity to it led in part to the Secretary's threat a few days later in Salzburg to resign if questions like that continued.

But the episode passed after Kissinger was cleared of any wrongdoing by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Last Thursday, Peckarsky was again at the State Department and asked a hostile question regarding Kissinger's respect for "American constitutional democracy" and its role in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

Kissinger was annoyed and angered. "I haven't seen this gentleman in over a year and a half and I think we will go to another question," he said, pointing his finger at another reporter. But Peckarsky later managed to ask another question, on alleged gifts Kissinger had accepted from Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani.

"I have never received a gift from any foreign leader," the Secretary replied, his edges ruffled again and his voice cracking with emotion. The large hall became tense. "I think it is a disgrace to believe, and to imply,

that the United States is a gift foreign policy to the United States."

Peckarsky's question, other reporters to ask hostile questions, to Kissinger's controversy the downfall of the Rabin Government. In the end, the ABC diplomatic czar, Ted Koppel, Kissinger's friend of Kissinger's office.

"At what point does necessary for you in whether you in effect step down in the American foreign Koppel asked.

Kissinger replied that if it served the nation, "But what one also is whether the style of figure can be deemed most irresponsible charges," he added.

## POSTSCRIPTS

THE VILLAGERS of Oberammergau still haven't made up their minds about the text to be used for their Passion Play in 1980. (The play is presented every 10 years in accordance with a 400-year-old vow to enact the story of the crucifixion in gratitude for having been spared from a plague). In recent decades they have used the version prepared by Alois Daisenberg, for the 1860 performance, but this has been attacked as anti-Semitic.

The director of the forthcoming production, Hans Schwaighofer, would like to use an earlier version, written in 1750 by a Benedictine monk, Father Ferdinand Romer. While composer Carl Orff has promised to arrange a musical score for the Romer version, some of the leading actors think the attitudinal Baroque text unsuited for amateurs and suggest instead that the Daisenberg version be purged of offending passages.

The matter may now have to be settled by a referendum among the Bavarian villagers, A.P. reports.

LUXURY-LOVING Brazilians will have to do without imported cars, pleasure craft, toys, perfumes and

many foreign foods, following a ban that has just gone into effect in an attempt to regulate the country's balance of payments.

Two themes have been specifically excluded from the ban — whiskey and caviar. No reasons are given for this particular decision, but the Scots and the Russians and/or Persians must be rejoicing.

LEARNING a new language is a trial for immigrants anywhere and not every country has discovered the benefits of the Israeli upsurge.

However, in the British industrial city of Oldham there is a scheme to help immigrants from Poland, the Ukraine, India and Pakistan, who are working in the textile mills there, to understand the refinements of English slang and swear words. A Government-financed course teaches the newcomers that "daft bastard" is not necessarily derogatory but can even be "amiable in intent"; that "my body arm" doesn't mean that "the speaker's arm is actually bleeding." And so on. Who knew English, are told that the Lancashire idiom "I've got a bun in the oven" is not to be taken literally but means that the speaker is pregnant.

Now a Conservative MP Peter Rost, has declared £7000 a year spent on the both a waste of the money and an abuse of the language.

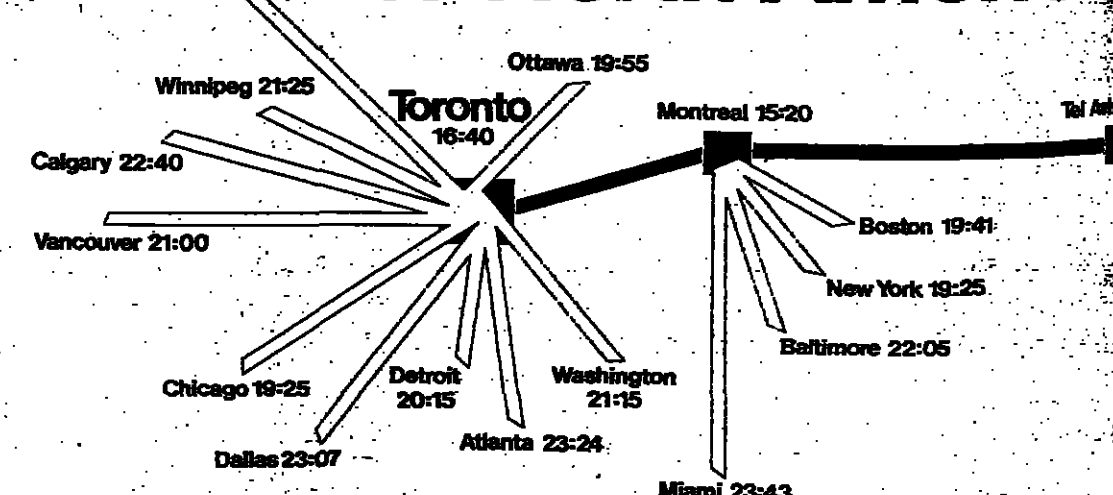
THERE MUST be quiet readers of The Post who've treasured to hear that it is a season for kippers. The catch in Scotland has been that kippers are likely to be as smoked salmon.

Anyways, some kippers by resourceful executives at least has begun to make it (of which the yield was good of herring. Probably there much difference in the taste. And mackerel smoking. News Features inform us, labour intensive. The much to be filleted as well as does this work can only be done.

The most shocking report is that real kippers in Scotland at the equivalent of a pair.

Incidentally, if out a fisherman catches a mackerel, perhaps some new immigrant from Scotland start kipping them.

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